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A GLOWING SUCCESS
The New Year's Bethel celebration drew about 500 people — the best attendance yet for the six-year-old event, according to organizers. It was estimated that about half of those taking part were area residents. Here, participants warm themselves by a fire on the common. Unlike some years, however, temperatures were moderate and standing by the fire was a pleasure, not a necessity.

(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

Details emerge in Tripp's lawsuit against Bethel

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The town of Bethel has released the federal legal complaint filed against the town by Police Chief Darren Tripp.

The complaint, filed by Tripp's attorney, Thomas S. Carey of Rumford, stems from a 33-day suspension imposed on Tripp by Town Manager Scott Cole last spring.

Tripp is seeking to recover his legal expenses and up to \$250,000 in damages for physical and emotional distress.

The complaint claims the suspension was in retaliation for Tripp's refusing a demand from Cole that he direct the town animal control officer make a summons he had issued "go away."

It further claims that the reasons cited by Cole in suspending Tripp "were a pretext to retaliatory suspension as discipline meted out to the plaintiff, Darren Tripp, for reporting to the Assistant District Attorney Joseph O'Connor, of the order made by the defendant, Town Manager Scott Cole, to dismiss the summons."

The complaint characterizes the reasons Cole gave for the suspension as "a litany of charges and complaints, some reaching back two years, which range from housekeeping to police matters."

At the time of his reinstatement, Tripp had to agree to a list of "performance expectations" compiled by Cole.

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Obituaries



BRUCE ALVIN THURLOW

Bruce Alvin Thurlow, 54, of Woodstock, died suddenly Dec. 23, 2003 in Rockville, Conn.

He was born in Norway on May 17, 1949, the son of Leslie and Patricia (Baker) Thurlow. He was educated in local schools and graduated from Woodstock High School Class of 1967, where he was active in sports, playing baseball and basketball. He later played baseball with the Pine Tree League. After graduating he joined the Army and served from 1968 to 1971, serving in Germany and Vietnam.

He loved life, was an avid outdoorsman and loved to hunt and fish as well as snowmobiling and traveling. In his younger years he was a member of the 4-H and showed his animals at all the local fairs. He especially enjoyed the time he spent with his grandparents Myrte and Arthur Thurlow.

Bruce had worked at several local businesses including Hadley Excavation, Andover Wood Products, Don Mason Excavating, Speedway Inc., and at the time of his death was with Schiavi Leasing.

He is survived by his parents of Woodstock; his wife, Kathleen of Woodstock; one daughter, Tina Marie Hall of Knobsnoter, Mo.; one brother, Mark Thurlow and his wife Kim of Woodstock; two sisters, Leslye Hewitt and her husband William of Seabrook, N.H. and Lisa Thurlow of Woodstock; three grandchildren, Lindsay Bean, Jordan

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Bean and Caleb Hall; two nephews, Jonah Thurlow and Neil Thurlow of Woodstock; two nieces, Kara Thurlow of Woodstock and Heather Hewitt of Seabrook, N.H.; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Relatives and friends are invited to call at the Andrews Funeral Home on Thursday, Jan. 1 from 5 to 9 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church on Friday at 1 p.m. Burial will be in the Wayside Cemetery, West Paris. Memorials in his name may be made to the Bruce Thurlow Memorial Fund, c/o Androscooggin Bank, 170 Main Street, South Paris, ME 04281, for the benefit of his grandchildren's education.

FLORENCE M. MELVILLE

Florence "Sally" May Melville, 62, of Greenwood, died Dec. 23, 2003 at her residence following a long illness.

She was born in Fryeburg on April 18, 1941, the daughter of Herbert and Sabra (Buswell) Kimball. She was a homemaker most of her life, was dedicated to her family and loved to do picture puzzles and was known in the area for her homemade doughnuts.

She had been past president of the Greenwood Fire Department Auxiliary and a member for over 30 years.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Gary Melville of Greenwood; one son, Jay; and two daughters, Donna Melville and Veronica Penley and her husband Brian all of Greenwood; one brother, Edward Kimball of Buckfield; and two grandchildren, Karyn Penley and Jannell Penley both of Greenwood.

Graveside funeral services will be held in the spring at Lakeside Cemetery, Bryant Pond.

GWENDOLYN G. CURRIER

Gwendolyn G. Currier, 78, went to be with the Lord on Dec. 24, 2003, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Bethel on June 10, 1925, the daughter of Frank P. and Gladys Spiney Chapman. She resided in Bethel for many years prior to moving to Oxford. She graduated from New Hampshire Vocational-Technical College.

Card of Thanks

To all of you - family and friends who took the time out of this very busy holiday season to surprise us on our 40th wedding anniversary. Thank you so much. You all made it a very special day.

Love to all,
Peter & Darlene

earning a Licensed Practical Nursing degree. She worked at Rumford Community Hospital for many years and later became an EMT with the Bethel Rescue Service and served as the treasurer. She also worked as a nurse at the Gould Academy Infirmary.

She held a lecturer position with the Paris Grange, was a member of the Eleanor Gordon Guild and of the Bethel Methodist Church and was a member of the Rebekah Lodge in Bethel.

Her hobbies included sewing, playing beano and spending time with her many friends.

Survivors include three daughters, Lillian and her husband Don Franks of Pittsburgh, Pa., Grace St. Hilaire of Lewiston, and Judith and her husband Brad Barker of Bethel; two sons, John and his wife Alta of Oxford and Gregory of Sumner; a brother, Raymond Chapman of Gil-ead; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, John, in 1991; three brothers, Ernest, Harold, and Robert; and a sister, Annie (Sweatt) Niles.

A Memorial Service was held at Bethel Methodist Church on Tuesday, Dec. 30. Burial will take place at Mt. Will Cemetery, Bethel, in the spring. Donations may be made in her memory to the Bethel Rescue Service, P.O. Box 1550, Bethel, ME 04217-1550.

ROY EDMUND FOWLER

Roy Edmund Fowler, 80, husband of Tynne (Waisenen) Fowler, died peacefully at his home with his loving family at his side on Dec. 24, 2003.

He was born in Newport, N.H., on Sept. 29, 1923, the son of Roy Edmund and Myrtle (Corey) Fowler Sr.

He was a U.S. Army veteran having served in the European Theatre with the 825th tank destroyer battalion from 1941 to 1946. For the last 23 years he owned and operated Fowlers Small Engine and Tool Sharpening of West Paris.

In his younger years, he was a scoutmaster in Sunapee, N.H. He was a life member of the VFW and DAV and a member of the American Legion as well as a member of the North American Hunting Club and the NRA.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years of West Paris; two sons, Roger E. of Newport, N.H. and Robert E. of Claremont, N.H.; one daughter, Elizabeth Anne LaRocque of Claremont, N.H.; one brother, Carl Fowler of California; a half brother, Wilfred Leslie

of Orange, Mass.; one sister, Dorothy Whipple of Orange, Mass., and two half sisters, Ruth Hastings of Sunapee, N.H., and Pearl Gagne of Southington, Conn.; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Andrews Funeral Home, Bryant Pond, on Sunday, Dec. 28, with the Rev. Lloyd Waterhouse officiating. Burial will be at Gracelawn Memorial Park, Auburn.

MAYNARD L. HAZELTON

Maynard Lewis Hazelton, age 76, died at his home in West Covina, Calif., Thursday, Dec. 25, 2003.

He was born in South Paris on Nov. 10, 1927. He was the son of Priscilla Bean and Lewis Hazelton. He lived in the Greenwood area for several years with his wife, Mary, and his children until moving to California in 1964.

He loved his family and watching sports on TV, especially the Red Sox and Patriots. He served in the U.S. Maritime Service and the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary of West Covina, Calif., his five children, daughter Joy and husband Jim Harding of Colorado; son Gary Fuller and wife Esther of Greenwood; daughter Linda and husband John Kundrath of California; daughter Susan and husband Joel Gelfand of California; son Tom Hazelton and wife Lisa of California; 13 grandchildren; and his sister Katie and her husband Peter Pacholski of Norway.

Memorial services will be held Jan. 3, at Rose Hills in California. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to: VNA & Hospice of Southern California, 150 West First Street, Ste. 270, Claremont, CA 91711-0908.

BEVERLY JUNE ANDREWS

Beverly June Andrews, 62, of 89 Tuelltown Road in West Paris died, after a long illness, Thursday, Dec. 25, 2003 at Parkview Adventist Medical Center, Brunswick, surrounded by her husband and children.

Born June 16, 1941, in West Paris, the daughter of Lawrence and Grace (Skillings) Yates, she attended school in South Paris and graduated from Paris High School in 1959. She married Arden L. Andrews of West Paris on Oct. 2 of that same year.

During her early, married life she worked alternately at various shoe shops in Norway and as a homemaker. After that she was a longtime employee of Norway National Bank where she processed

bank instruments. Then, for more than 20 years, she was employed by C.N. Brown Co. of South Paris; first as an office clerk, later rising to the level of office manager. During the last years of her life she owned and operated her own business, J. B. Andrews Co., in which she designed, manufactured and marketed unique garden trellises to a nationwide clientele.

She was a former Cub Scout den mother and Girl Scout leader in her lifelong hometown of West Paris. She also helped coach the girl's softball team for that town at one time. She loved to travel and made trips to England, Bermuda and throughout the United States with her family.

A devoted mother and loving wife, she took time to enjoy gardening and her grandchildren in her final years. She knew the restorative power of growing beautiful flowers and creating beautiful garden spaces. Her family and friends will miss her deeply.

She is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, Arden L. Andrews; a son, James Andrews and his wife Claire of Farmington; two daughters, Bethany Curtis and her husband David of Lewiston and Jennifer Andrews of Brunswick; four grandchildren, Bailey Curtis, Kyla Curtis, Grace Andrews and Benjamin Andrews; two sisters, Eva "Polly" Durant of Otisfield and Hilda Yates of West Paris; two brothers, David Yates and Alvin Yates both of West Paris; and her mother, Grace Yates of West Paris.

Funeral Services were held on Monday, Dec. 29, at the Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church with Joe Perham officiating.

EDDA MAY CARVER

Edda May Carver, 74, of St. Augustine, Fla., formerly of Bethel, died Dec. 30, 2003, at Flagler Hospital in St. Augustine.

Born in Rumford, she was Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of Newton & Tebbets, Inc. in West Bethel, and had lived in St. Augustine since her retirement in 1990.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a Past Matron in Bethel. She was a Congregationalist. Her hobbies included making stained-glass fixtures, quilting and sewing, and gardening. She enjoyed her retirement in Florida and Maine, and especially enjoyed family visits, outings with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and walks on

the beach.

Edda was noted for her gracious hospitality.

She is survived by her husband, Harold E. Carver of St. Augustine; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Robert Gilbert of Wilton; sons and daughters-in-law, Harold E. Jr. and Judy Carver of Brunswick, Lloyd and Melanie Carver and Barry and Claire Carver, both of Bethel; sisters, Marilyn Kneller of Stuart, Fla., Maryann Brown of Morganton, Ga., and Darlene Hayden of Mexico; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3 in the chapel of the Craig Funeral Home in St. Augustine, with the Rev. Dr. Patrick Turner-Sharpton, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home from 4 until 6 p.m. Friday. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Bethel. Flowers are gratefully declined, and those wishing may make a donation in her memory to the Shriners' Hospitals for Children, 12502 North Pine Dr., Tampa, FL 33612-9499.

ABIGAIL GILL BUSWELL

Abigail Mary Buswell, 82, of Bethel, died in Norway on Dec. 31, 2003.

She was born in Greenwood on Sept. 21, 1921, the daughter of John and Florence Gill. She was educated in local schools and graduated from Gould Academy and later attended Fannie Farmer School of Cooking in Boston. She married Eugene Buswell in 1950; he died in 1988.

Abigail was a member of the OES, American Legion Auxiliary and Rebekah Lodge, all of Bethel and a member of the Grange. She had been a foster mother for many years. She was a friend to everybody she met. She enjoyed her family, friends and especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by two sons, Harry John and his wife Wanda of Conway, N.H., and Paul and his wife Eulalie of Oxford; three daughters, Alison Crowell and her husband Wilbur of Bethel, Brenda Stevens and her husband Harry of West Paris, and Nancy Buswell of Norway; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

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The matter was back in front of the town selectmen Monday, at the request of Selectman Don Bennett, who said "No one is here looking for any bad guys."

But, he said, "I've recently had three different people offer their concern to me about a situation that happened a very short time ago. It involved an emergency vehicle going down Main Street at what they perceived to be a high rate of speed."

"No one had a radar gun," Bennett said but the different people all concluded the vehicle in question "was driving imprudently," by going 10 to 15 miles an hour over the

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Details emerge in Tripp's lawsuit against Bethel

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The town of Bethel has released the federal legal complaint filed against the town by Police Chief Darren Tripp.

The complaint, filed by Tripp's attorney, Thomas S. Carey of Rumford, stems from a 33-day suspension imposed on Tripp by Town Manager Scott Cole last spring.

Tripp is seeking to recover his legal expenses and up to \$250,000 in damages for physical and emotional distress.

The complaint claims the suspension was in retaliation for Tripp's refusing a demand from Cole that he direct the town animal control officer make a summons he had issued "go away."

It further claims that the reasons cited by Cole in suspending Tripp "were a pretext to retaliatory suspension as discipline meted out to the plaintiff, Darren Tripp, for reporting to the Assistant District Attorney Joseph O'Connor, of the order made by the defendant, Town Manager Scott Cole, to dismiss the summons."

The complaint characterizes the reasons Cole gave for the suspension as "a litany of charges and complaints, some reaching back two years, which range from housekeeping to police matters."

At the time of his reinstatement, Tripp had to agree to a list of "performance expectations" compiled by Cole.

The complaint claims

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A GLOWING SUCCESS
The New Year's Bethel celebration drew about 500 people — the best attendance yet for the six-year-old event, according to organizers. It was estimated that about half of those taking part were area residents. Here, participants warm themselves by a fire on the common. Unlike some years, however, temperatures were moderate and standing by the fire was a pleasure, not a necessity.

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Letters

PRESENTATION ON RAVENS

To the Editor:

On Jan. 14 the Mahoosuc Land Trust will present the second of its Local Knowledge series programs in Bingham Auditorium on the Gould Academy campus.

Bernd Heinrich, noted wildlife biologist, award-winning author, and ultra marathoner, will share with us his passion for Corvus corax, the common raven. His slide-enhanced presentation reflects scientific investigations and field studies that have led him around the world.

Following the program Heinrich will sign books that his audience may wish to bring. Three of his books: "Mind of the Raven," "Ravens in Winter," and "Winter World" will be on sale in the Bingham lobby courtesy of Books-N-Things of Bethel.

The Mahoosuc Land Trust is pleased to offer this series to the public free of charge. We hope that you will join us for an entertaining evening of scientific discovery. The program begins at 7 p.m.

Frank A. Vogt
for the Mahoosuc Land Trust

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT THANKS

To the Editor:

The Boys and Girls basketball teams would like to thank all of the people, businesses and fans that made the Telstar Rebel Holiday Basketball Tournament such a success. We had exciting games played over two days and amazing support from the community. The proceeds of this event will go to benefit the two sports programs at Telstar.

We had tremendous support from the following sponsors. We would like to thank Mead, Hancock Lumber, Bethel Kitchen Designs, Cross Excavation and Oxford Networks. Without these generous businesses, the tournament would not have happened so we appreciate their efforts. We would also like to thank the Telstar Athletic Boosters and the team parents for all their support as well, providing food and drink to our hungry fans and helping with other areas that needed covering. Also, a huge thank you to David Leclerc for operating the clock for the two days and to Carroll Higgins for his assistance with some of the logistics. Our last thank you goes to Marjorie Osgood who was instrumental in spearheading the fundraising for this event. We certainly appreciate all the time and effort that Marjorie put in toward making this event happen. We could not have done it without you, Marjorie. Finally, we would like to thank all the fans that attended the games. You were awesome in support of your teams.

Again, thanks to all those who made this tournament a success and hopefully this can be a tradition that our community can look forward to and support for years to come.

Alec Newell,
Coach, Telstar Boys' Basketball Team
Aaron Bean,
Coach, Telstar Girls' Basketball team

A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

To the Editor:

Based on the reports coming in from some of the 500 plus people who attended, the sixth annual New Year's Bethel was a resounding success.

On behalf of the New Year's Bethel Steering Committee, I would like to thank the communities of Bethel and adjoining towns for the wonderful support provided to the planning and conduct of the celebration. The celebration could not have been held without the support of volunteers (over 30), private contributors (46) and businesses (27). A special thank you is extended to the Mahoosuc Arts Council, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, the West Parish Congregational Church and Sunday River Ski Resort who worked with the Bethel Historical Society on the planning of the event. We should feel good about the fact that Bethel is one of only two towns in Maine who still have first night celebrations. Many thanks to all of you who so graciously gave of your time, talents and financial support.

Planning for the seventh annual New Year's Bethel will begin shortly. Anyone interested in helping with the planning should contact the Bethel Historical Society (824-2908).

Al Cressy
New Year's Bethel Steering Committee

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the Opinion Page of the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING FOR YOUNG AND OLD

To the Editor:

The Bethel Outing Club invites young and old for a fun-filled day of cross-country skiing at the Old Timer's Event at Carter's XC Ski Center in Bethel on Sunday, Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. The Old Timer's (30 and above) will kick off the event with a 5k or 10k loop classic or freestyle. After licking their wounds, the Old Timer's will join the young Bill Koch League youth skiers for some fun-filled relays in which young and old will be paired. For the relays, we will ski both classic and freestyle. This event is designed to draw recreational skiers and aspiring racers young and old alike.

This event is part of the Bethel Outing Club's Bill Koch ski team's Sunday meetings. Call Brad Clarke (824-4692) with any questions.

Brad Clarke
for the Bethel Outing Club

USE A REPUTABLE PAYROLL SERVICE

To the Editor:

Many of you have probably heard about the Saco Payroll Company that is in the news right now for stealing client withholding taxes. The reason the theft was not caught for such a long time was that the tax notices and forms went directly to the payroll company instead of the taxpayer. The payroll company apparently had no fidelity bond insurance coverage, even though the state of Maine requires payroll companies to register with the state annually and provide evidence of fidelity insurance coverage. Therefore, even though these taxpayers paid their taxes to the payroll company, they will be responsible for paying the taxes again to the tax agencies.

Reputable payroll companies provide a valuable service. Avoiding one payroll tax penalty will pay for the service. As in any other business, however, there are disreputable payroll companies as well. Here are a few things you can do to protect yourself from this happening to you:

1) Check with the Maine Revenue Services, your payroll company should be registered with them and should have provided evidence of fidelity bond coverage. This should give you some assurance that your payroll company is abiding by the law and would have insurance coverage in place in case taxes were stolen. Your payroll company should also be able to provide you with proof of registration with the state of Maine and a certificate of fidelity bond insurance coverage.

2) Make sure you are receiving blank payroll tax forms in the mail (Form 941, Form 940, Circular E, Maine tax booklet, etc) and any tax notices. If you do, you can be fairly sure you are the registered address with the tax authorities, should they issue a tax notice. If you sign and mail the quarterly 941 tax returns, rather than having the payroll company sign and mail them on your behalf, you can be assured that your returns have been filed timely and the address is correct for any tax notices.

3) Most technology savvy payroll companies use the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) to make the required federal tax deposits on the taxpayer's behalf. Taxpayers are able to call the EFTPS center or go online to verify their tax payments were made by entering their Federal ID number and their PIN number.

4) The Internal Revenue Service now has an incentive program for taxpayers to sign up for the EFTPS system to deposit their payroll taxes. They will refund up to \$1,000 of penalties from previous periods after four quarters of properly using EFTPS. We use EFTPS and can help you receive the refund of previous payroll tax penalties.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding payroll, feel free to give me a call at 824-7096 for a free payroll tax consultation.

Bonita M. Sessions, CPA
Bethel

Timeshares

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into the \$60,000 range.

"We didn't know it would get into this," said Cole.

Selectman Reggie Brown chaired Monday's meeting (Chairman Dutch Dresser, who owns a timeshare at the River View, stepped down for the discussion.)

Brown said: "We've already spent way over what we should have, and before we get into this any more we need to have a special Town Meeting and get that money appropriated, because we're spending money now that hasn't been appropriated."

However, he said, the selectmen would be in a better position to make a case to voters once the town received the appraisal of its own expert.

That appraisal has already been authorized by the Board of Appraisers, but the town does not know yet exactly

what it will cost. The estimate is between \$7,000 and \$10,000, Cole said.

The town also does not know if the expert's assessment will advance its own case.

"The purpose of the testimony is to, hopefully, bolster the town's case in front of the State Board of Property Tax Review," Cole said. "Our next hearing is scheduled for mid- to late-March, and the plaintiffs have already done their expert appraisal. We've been advised by counsel that we will stand a much better chance of prevailing at the state board if we have our own expert witness."

"But," Cole conceded, "there's no guarantee that that individual's testimony is going to match up with our current assessing position."

Selectman Al Barth said he didn't believe either party

had an ironclad case.

"I think the feeling is neither one is realistic, so we're trying to get a little expertise somewhere in the middle so we can resolve this without killing our tax base," Barth said.

Brown said he didn't think the town had any choice but to forge ahead with the case. "We're talking about a lot of tax base and a lot of money," he said.

But, speaking of the over-draft and the likelihood of calling a special Town Meeting, he said: "What we're doing now we should have been doing in November."

Selectmen Monday tabled the matter until Feb. 23, to allow the time for the appraisers to meet with their attorney and to have their own expert's appraisal work in hand.

Tripp

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that the expectations "were by their breath and design punitive, demeaning and capricious."

Cole's actions, according to the complaint, constituted a violation of Tripp's First Amendment rights and of the Maine Whistleblowers Protection Act. They also resulted in the intentional infliction of emotional distress, according

to the complaint.

The materials released Monday — including Cole's reasons for suspending Tripp — became public record when they were filed in Federal Court.

Cole said, Wednesday, the town had no intention of making the suspension records public. "And I think it's unfortunate the plaintiff's

attorney chose to make them public, but he did when he included them in the filing."

The lawsuit is being handled by the town's insurer, the Maine Municipal Association, Cole said.

An attorney is expected to meet with the selectmen in executive session later this month.

In our back yard

An oil tank for the 21st century

How old is your oil tank — 15 or 25 years? Older than that? Our experience is that no one ponders the state of a residential oil tank until there is a basement full of oil due to a leak.

Traditionally, home heating oil tanks have been constructed of steel, which is structurally sound but can rust and leak. According to a DEP study, 11 percent of releases from home heating oil tanks are from internal corrosion due to water and sludge building up in the bottom of a tank.

What if there was a 21st century oil tank that didn't rust out?

In Europe they have been using polyethylene tanks for years to safely store home heating oil and now this technology has landed here on our shores. The advantages of these tanks are many. The tanks will not rust out, and the oil is drawn out the top of the tank so there are no bottom fittings that can be damaged. Plus, this tank is really two tanks in one. The inner plastic tank is surrounded by a galvanized steel outer jacket that will contain any spills and provides for fire protection. If there is a leak, there is a pop-up indicator that alerts you that there

is oil in the containment shell. This outer shell provides what is called "secondary containment."

These tanks do cost more — sometimes up to three times more, but protecting against the inconvenience, expense and downright mess of a spill in the cellar is an investment to strongly consider.

If you are building a new house or replacing your heating system, then the added cost of these tanks can be more easily amortized. For more information on these tanks see our Website, www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/ustast/doublewall.htm, or call your licensed oil burner technician.

So something to consider if you have an aging tank is the purchase of one of these rustproof containment tanks. Then fill'er up with domestic, renewable biofuel and you truly have a 21st century oil storage system. "In our back yard" is a column of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. E-mail your environmental questions to: infodep@state.me.us or send them to: "In our backyard," Maine DEP, 17 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by JOHN K. BROWN

10 years ago: Approximately 130 gallons of diesel fuel spilled on the snow from an overfilled tank on the Sunday River/Silver Bullet Express as it was being serviced on tracks of the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad.

A reward was being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those who made off with \$7,000 worth of ski coats and other skiing gear at the Sports Outlook Ski Shop.

Three were left homeless as flames from a frying pan fire spread igniting a fire that destroyed a mobile home in the Irish Neighborhood.

Danny Kennagh was the winner of a \$4,000 Arctic Cat Jag snowmachine in a C.N. Brown promotion.

Deaths: Elsie Pearl Hewey, Gertrude M. Thornton, Theo A. McKeen.

20 years ago: Sally Sawyer was the new cross-country skiing instructor at the Bethel Inn and Ski Touring Center.

The Maine Snowmobile System and the New Hampshire's Trail System had been officially joined. A ribbon cutting took place at the Mollidge-wock South Junction.

Jerry Hefley, music instructor in SAD44 since the fall of 1976, resigned effective at the end of the current school year.

Birth: Molly Hutchins LeA. Deaths: Mrs. Mary M. Hennessey, Hazen S. Niles.

30 years ago: Riverside Restaurant in Mexico was extensively damaged in an early morning fire. Loss was estimated at between \$60,000 and \$75,000.

Ice fishermen and snowmobilers throughout the state were contacted by the Maine Fish and Game Department about unsafe ice conditions caused by the unusually warm temperatures and heavy rains.

Deaths: Sandra M. Berryment, Earle S. Enman.

40 years ago: Robert G. Clemons had been transferred from Andover to Boston by the Long Lines Department of American Tel. and Tel. He, his wife and three children, had lived on Chapman Street since the fall of 1961.

The Rev. Clifford Laws was elected president of the Bethel Chamber of Commerce.

Lawrence Kendall of Bethel had terminated his duties with the Oxford County Sheriff's Department.

Deaths: Edgar Eulango Flint, Walter W. Bailey Sr., Charles H. Reed, Mrs. Eva E. Fox, Mrs. Etta Billings.

50 years ago: James Lassiter of Albany, a retired Army major, announced that he would be seeking the Republican nomination as Oxford County Commissioner.

Woodrow A. Mercier, principal of the new Virginia School in Rumford, was named as superintendent of schools in School Union 27 (Dixfield, Peru, Carthage and Weld).

Gould hoopers split a pair of after Christmas contests. St. Patrick's of Berlin, N.H., were 62-46 winners and the Huskies dropped Livermore Falls 44-41.

Birth: Bonnie Lou Hutchinson.

Deaths: Arthur Brinck, Mrs. Belle B. Bennett, Patricia Ann Davis, Mrs. Maude B. Brown.

60 years ago: The Mark Swan place at the foot of Mill Hill was razed by a crew from the Bethel Inn.

John Twaddle graduated from Brown University School of Medicine. He received his commission as a lieutenant in the Medical Corps, USNR.

70 years ago: Farmers in Milton were harvesting ice from a pond created by beavers.

Tyler's Garage in Bryant Pond was destroyed by fire. Loss was estimated at \$7,500.

90 years ago: The Locke Mountain House Farm on the Sunday River Road, for 30 years a favorite resort for summer boarders, was offered for sale.

100 years ago: A meeting was held at the Bethel News office in regard to a movement on foot to light the village by electricity.

Augustus L. Grover of Grover Hill was hurt by a falling tree and received injuries to his back and scalp.

Augustus M. Carter of Bethel traveled to California to represent Berlin Mills Co.

Mae Wiley was installed as Noble Grand of Sunset Rebekah Lodge 64, Bethel.

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Briefly

Fire station outside work done

WOODSTOCK — Work on the outside of the town's fire station addition has been completed, Town Manager Vern Maxfield told selectmen Tuesday. He said he expects the interior work to be done before the March Town Meeting. The bill for the structural and roof work from Brown Construction Co. of Portland is \$59,885. Work by contractor Marty Morgan, which includes pouring the concrete floor, is expected to total \$28,500.

Foreclosure notices a record

BETHEL — The town of Bethel has sent out 49 foreclosure notices, a record number according to town officials. Town Clerk Christen Mason said there are another 63 pending. She said the figures are double the typical number, but added that this year is the first time timeshare properties have been included. There are 27. Property owners have until March 22 to pay tax liens before selectmen can formally foreclose.

Local fishermen to be on NESN

BETHEL — Gould Academy faculty member John Wight and student Aimey Harrison will be featured in a fly-fishing segment on "Camo Country Television" on the New England Sports Network (NESN) next week. The half-hour show will air twice — on Sunday at 9:30 p.m. and again on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. It was filmed in the Bethel area in October.

Former Thurston mill purchased

RUMFORD — An Auburn investment group has purchased the Saunders Bros. mill, formerly known as the Thurston mill, located on Route 2. Rodman-Coach LLC bought the 75,000-square-foot mill and its 17 acres for \$115,000, and \$5,200 in back real estate taxes. The property will go on the market for lease, and will likely become part of a Pine Tree Zone, according to Scott Christiansen of the River Valley Growth Council. Such zones encourage manufacturing development through tax advantages and incentives. The property would be part of the River Valley's share of the Greater Androscoggin County Pine Tree Zone.

Committee members appointed

BETHEL — The following citizens have recently been appointed or reappointed to town committees by the Bethel Board of Selectmen. Budget Committee: Emmy Merrill, Mike Jodrey, Fred Nolte and Mike Drapeau (all are incumbents). Conservation Committee: Dean Walker (incumbent). Planning Board: as voting members — Rocky Freda (previously an alternate) and Dave Nivus; as alternates, Jody Shimamura and Lawrence Engdahl. Airport Authority: John Head (incumbent) and John Mason. Appeals Board: Lennie Shaw (incumbent). Recreation Committee: Scott Brown (incumbent) and Terrie Anne Guay. Water District Trustees: Joe Drummond (incumbent).

"Hands" exhibit extended

BETHEL — Gould Academy has extended the photography exhibit titled "The Language of Hands," featuring photographs by Bethel resident Sally Taylor, until Jan. 31. From every age and walk of life, Taylor has compiled a wide range of photographs taken of hands. The photographs in the exhibit grew out of a project in which Taylor photographed the hands of Margaret Haberman of Bethel. As Taylor continued photographing people's hands the collection grew to include pictures of a variety of roles hands play in our everyday lives. In its current form, the collection includes pictures of infants, musicians, students, laborers and octogenarians. The exhibit is in the Owen Art Gallery on the Gould Academy campus, and will be open to the public weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on weekends by appointment. Admission is free.

Busy as bees in this class

RUMFORD — The Western Maine Beekeeper's Association will hold its annual Beekeeping School beginning Jan. 14 at Mountain Valley High School. The 14-week course is taught by area beekeepers. Class subjects include setting up hives, acquiring honey bees, harvesting honey, disease prevention and hive management. Students who set up hives will have the support of club members as they gain hands-on experience. Throughout the summer club members hold Open Hive Meetings to demonstrate the application of information presented in class. Registration will be Jan. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at MVHS. The cost is \$25, including books. For more information call 864-0917.

Rite Aid protests budget move

AUGUSTA — Rite Aid Corp. Tuesday called a \$1.3 million state budget-balancing provision "devastating." The company said its implementation could prompt service reductions and store closings. The warning came as the Baldacci administration prepares to seek legislative backing for a \$109 million savings package. State Director of Health Care Policy Trish Riley admitted the plan would include a cut in dispensing fees that pharmacies receive for individual prescriptions from \$3.35 to \$2. But it would mean only a 2 percent cut in state payments to Rite Aid, she said. Rite Aid handles about 25 percent of the prescription drug business that is under the state Medicaid program, known as MaineCare. The company said it had recently informed officials it would not participate in a new discount drug program, Maine Rx Plus. Riley said Maine officials had talked to pharmacy industry representatives about ways to curb state costs and had altered their original plan to lower prescription reimbursements directly. Rite Aid spokeswoman Jody Cook said the company's profit margin is already thin. "There's the cost of the professional services that we provide. The pharmacists charge for their time just like doctors who charge for their time. The cost of location, heat, light, power — all the expenses that go into keeping the pharmacy open," she said.

State completes land deal

AUGUSTA — Gov. John Baldacci Monday announced completion of a \$31.8 million deal that bars development across 329,000 acres in the heart of Maine's North Woods. The West Branch Project, which was launched four years ago, encompasses the state's largest contiguous tract of undeveloped forest ever granted permanent protection. The land, owned for more than a century by Great Northern Paper Co., stretches from the northwest shore of Moosehead Lake up the West Branch of the Penobscot River to the Quebec border, then north to the headwaters of the St. John River. While the vast majority of the acreage will remain in private ownership, the easement will guarantee its use for recreation, sustainable forestry and ecological preservation, according to the Maine Conservation Department. Private land owners in the North Woods have traditionally allowed public access, but the agreement guarantees permanent public access to the West Branch lands. The West Branch area attracts tens of thousands of visitors annually for camping, canoeing, hunting and fishing and other activities. It also will help preserve important ecological areas, state officials said.

From the Bethel Police Log:

Not the best car to hit

Thursday, Jan. 1

At 12:55 a.m. the officer was traveling east on the Mayville Road when a vehicle pulled out of a business entrance and was unable to stop. It crossed in front of the cruiser and collided with the front passenger side fender, pushing the cruiser to the left and into a snowbank. The other vehicle then struck the cruiser again along the passenger side.

At 9:33 a.m. a complainant reported someone had stolen the tailgate from his GMC pickup truck while he was staying at an area lodging place.

Friday, Jan. 2

At 6:15 a.m. police stopped a vehicle on Bridge Street for speeding. A license check showed the driver was under suspension for failure to appear in court. Davis E. Clark was given a summons for speeding and operating after suspension.

Saturday, Jan. 3

At 12:45 a.m. police responded to an accident, property damage only, on Route 26.

At 2:20 p.m. police responded to an accident, property damage only, on Route 5.

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SCOTT SUMNER IS BETHEL'S NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
 Scott Sumner of Bethel has been appointed to the position of director of the Bethel Public Works Department. He succeeds former director Robert Pilgrim, who has assumed part-time employment status with the town in conjunction with a retirement strategy, according to Town Manager Scott Cole.
 "The Bethel community is fortunate to have Mr. Sumner in this post," Cole said in a prepared release. "Employed by the town since 1989, Scott brings significant experience and an in-depth knowledge of local conditions to the job. It is safe to say that he has performed all of the numerous, ongoing, and widely varied tasks assigned to the town crew. Service to Bethel runs in the family. Both Scott's father and great-grandfather worked for the town."
 The Public Works Director is charged with proper construction and maintenance of the town's infrastructure to include streets, roads, sidewalks, signs, drainage systems, traffic systems, outdoor lighting, parking facilities, recreation areas and other publicly owned facilities. The town currently maintains over 60 miles of roadway. The director also oversees the town's program for handling and removal of solid waste and recyclable materials. The combined expenditure of all areas under the director's supervision is roughly \$1 million per year, representing half of Bethel's municipal budget.
 Following a six-month probationary period, Sumner will be paid an annual salary of \$35,687.
 Sumner, 35, was raised in Bethel, and is a 1986 graduate of Telstar High School, and attended New Hampshire Vocational and Technical School in Berlin. He is an MDOT Certified Roads Scholar. He is currently a lieutenant in the Bethel Fire Department where he has been an active firefighter since 1989. Scott and his wife, Lorraine, live in Bethel with their two children, Nick and Katie.

Speed

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posted speed.
 "Hearing and seeing what's gone on in the past, a couple of other times, I think we all have that tendency when the beeper goes off to get right at it. There tends to be a little rush of adrenalin."
 "I'm passing on what people out there see," Bennett said. "You just need to be aware of it and think about it."
 Members of the three departments involved in the recent situations attended Monday's meeting, and none of them was in any rush to agree their drivers had in fact acted imprudently.
 Bethel Police Chief Darren Tripp noted that in the June incident the responders had been waived through the barricades by workers at the scene.
 Tripp said that his was the first vehicle to reach the barricade, and he had his turn signal on planning to take the detour, when "somebody in a hard hat and yellow vest — I don't know who he worked for — opened up a barrier and did one of these (indicating a sweeping, "come through" gesture)."
 "I went, and fire and rescue followed me," Tripp said.
 He also reviewed the laws governing emergency responders, noting that "authorized emergency vehicles" are permitted to violate several specific traffic laws, as long as they do so in a responsible manner.
 For example, he said, reading from the statute, they are authorized "to exceed the maximum speed limit as long as life or property is not endangered."
 But the statutes, he noted "do not relieve the operator

of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with a due regard for the safety of all persons." Nor, he said, does the statute "protect the operator from the consequences of the operator's reckless disregard for the safety of others."
 Dutch Dresser, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, asked: "So, people who are voicing concern, need to understand that they have every right to be concerned, but what they are looking at is a judgment call?"
 "Correct," replied Tripp.
 In regard to the most recent incident, the one involving the fire truck on Main Street, Fire Chief Jim Young said: "In my own personal opinion he wasn't going that fast."
 Tripp and Young both noted that the lights and sirens on emergency vehicles, especially large vehicles, can create the impression they are traveling faster than they actually are.
 Rescue Director Dustin Howe said the perception problem extends even to exactly what vehicle was actually involved in a given situation.
 "I've had four complaints in the past month about ambulances going excessive speeds, and none of them were ours," Howe said.
 Nonetheless the problem, even if only a perception problem, is unlikely to go away.
 "I have no doubt in my mind at all," Bennett said, "that two or three years from now we'll be sitting here — perhaps with a different cast of characters — going through this again, as we have in the past."

CEO

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in terms of time and efficiency without compromising the code," Cole said Monday.
 Newry selectman Steve Wight said the arrangement sounded "great, as long as it doesn't get lopsided" — with a large number of people from one town consistently showing up to see St. John in the other.
 Sylvia Gray, Newry's administrative assistant, said she and deputy town clerk Loretta Berry would be able to keep track of the traffic at

the Newry end.
 "We know who's here," she said.
 Newry will also shoulder 20 percent of St. John's wages, to correspond to the time he will spend there.
 The final stipulation in the agreement will eliminate the current mandatory attendance at both towns' Planning Board meetings. St. John will now attend as needed to advise on agenda items.

Loggers

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Lovejoy says loggers are still paid too little to cover their expenses. With the increasing cost of equipment, fuel, insurance and state certification fees every other year, it's hard to keep ahead of the game, he said.
 By his estimates, over the past 20 years his insurance costs have quadrupled, fuel has tripled and machinery doubled, while the price he gets for a cord of pulpwood has increased by 15 percent and the price for saw logs has gone up 30 percent.
 Lovejoy said he's seen other loggers drop by the wayside. "In the 1980s, you'd have 15 guys bidding on a job. Now, you're lucky if you get one or two."
 Logger Don Bennett of Bethel said he's seeing the same thing. "There used to be a hundred of them [small logging operators] out there. Now there's fewer and fewer."
 "They'd work six days a week, earn \$1,200, pay their fuel and other costs, and have \$550 left. And they wouldn't have any health benefits or a retirement plan."

The day seems to be coming when 'the wood is out there and there's nobody to cut it.'

DENNY WILSON
Contractor

Diversification
 Even some large operators, while still logging, are expanding into other activities to make their businesses more viable.
 Fifteen years ago, Denny Wilson of D.A. Wilson & Co. in Greenwood cut 5,000 cords of wood a year. He sold most of it to lumber and paper mills.
 Today, his company cuts "in the hundreds" of cords, and 50 percent of that is firewood, he said. In the past, only 5 percent went to firewood.
 Wilson cited the costs of certification and keeping up with environmental/erosion regulations as the reasons for getting away from logging. "The costs don't offset the expenses," he said.
 His focus is now on construction and roadway.

"We diversified. That's how we survived," he said.
 At the other end of the industry is Neil Postlewaite, the general manager for log procurement for Hancock Lumber Co., which has a mill in Bethel.
 Postlewaite said about six years ago, the University of Maine did a study that showed the state had unused logging capacity and plenty of loggers.
 But recently, he said, "There's been quite a turnaround. It's a 180-degree situation, and it's a real problem."
 The current short supply of logs has not forced his company to curtail lumber production so far, but some mills in Maine and New Hampshire have cut back, he said.

This is also the time of year mills try to stockpile logs for the spring.
 Postlewaite said that in some instances, Hancock's buyers have gone to New Hampshire to purchase enough logs to keep the mills busy.
 The weather of the past few months hasn't helped the supply, either. A wet fall and the excessive snows and rains of December slowed logging operations. Bennett said there was a stretch of about seven weeks when his crew could only work three or four days a week.
 State regulations also limit logging activity when the ground is wet and soft, to minimize erosion.
 It looked like conditions would improve as temperatures dropped this week, freezing the ground.
 But the overall forecast for the future of the industry could be a dismal one.
 The day seems to be coming, Wilson said, when "the wood is out there, and there's nobody to cut it."

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Bethel



by Virginia Keniston
Ken and Gwyneth Bohr had two weeks of holiday guests

including three daughters, Gretchen of Massachusetts, Katy of Connecticut, Sarah of Florida, their spouses and children, and Ken's brother and wife of Ohio.

Sarah Crocker is spending some time at the home of her father, Stu Crocker on the North Road.

Amy Davis entertained her family on Sunday for Christmas. Those present were Tom and Ann of Pennsylvania, Andy and Pat and kids of Berwick, Mike and Kathy and kids of Norway, Susan and Harvey and Emily of Lisbon Falls.

Weekend guests of Bob and Ginny Keniston were Darrel and Josie Hannon of Jericho and Shelby McKnight of New York.

A family gathering was held Saturday at David and Jodi Keniston's in Norway. Attending were Bob and Ginny Keniston; Darrel and Josie Hannon; Shelby McKnight; Rachel and Ted McKnight of Jericho; Glenn I. Bangs of Dresden; Glenn M. Bangs, Julie and three kids; Deanne and Jeremy Witt of Merrimack, N.H.; Heather and Atreyu Keniston of Norway; Heath and Karol Ann and Daniel Keniston of Norway; Peter and Stacey, Elise and Sarah Keniston of Turner.

For the first time in 16 years, Norm and Sylvia Clanton had their three children together briefly for the holidays, with the added bonus of Mark's wife and son. It was a full house, and a surprise, since Keith's arrival from California was not expected.

He had met up in Boston with Mark and family from The Netherlands, and drove home with them for the reunion with Lisa, from Philadelphia. What a shock! It was a very happy and fun time — now it's back to the "empty nest."

Mary Keniston attended the

family Christmas at "The Challet" at Sunday River hosted by son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Sandra Rice and their families: son and wife Justin and Sue Rice and daughter, Alyssa; daughter and friend, Rachel and Pat Welch all of Guilford, Conn.; and daughter Sarah from Niantic, Conn. Others present were daughter and husband, Donna Rice-Howe and Alton of Waterford and their son and wife, Chip and Barbara Howe, daughters, Jiselle and Kayea of Scarborough; and son, Donald Rice and son and wife, Sheldon and Jackie Rice and children, Jaidyn and Dalton of Waterford; and son, Adam Rice and children, Bryenna and Michaela of Augusta. There were guests: Barbara Howe's mother, Denise Urrabago of Scarborough and brothers, Rudy Jr. and daughter, Shann, Nikki and Brian of Enfield, Conn. Everyone contributed to a spaghetti and meatball dinner with all the "fixins" and a tree and exchange of gifts.

All family members were present except for Earlon "Lefty" Keniston, who was home with a cold, and Rob and April Howe Olmstead, who was still in the hospital with her new baby.

A baby girl was born to April Howe Olmstead and husband, Rob, on Dec. 23, 2003 at the Women and Infant Hospital in Providence, R.I.

She has been named Olivia Frances Grace Howe Olmstead. Grandparents are Alton and Donna Rice-Howe of Waterford and Bob and Kirsten Olmstead of East Greenwich, R.I.

Great-grandparents are Mary and Earlon Keniston of Bethel and the late Rufus Rice.

Duplicate Bridge point winners for Jan. 2 were: Fred Letourneau, Mike Quinn, Pete Cummings, Woodrow Mercier, Lorry Letourneau, Pat Quinn, Rosemarie Goodwin, Jeanine Kivus, Pam and Errol Libby, David Lock, Martine Begert, Eleanor Griffin, Rowena Palmer, Carol Curran and Suzanne Andrews.

The next game will be Friday, Jan. 9 at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway.

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

The New Year came rushing in bringing the dreaded

flu bug with it. It did not seem to matter that anyone might have gone and gotten a flu shot, they caught the dirty bug anyway. Whatever way you turn someone is coming down with it, are out of work with it, or just getting over it. It is from experience that we can say that we hope you don't get it.

Bessie Ettl is now home recovering from surgery. She had been hospitalized for several days.

Alyce Pearce rode in the ambulance to the Rumford Hospital. After an overnight visit, she continues to recuperate at home.

The Hanover Planning Board meeting scheduled for Jan. 7 was canceled. The Board of Selectpersons will meet on Monday, Jan. 19 at 5 p.m. at the town office.

A flock of wild turkeys have been visiting Hanover Village this winter. They started their visit in the vicinity of the Rumford town line where at least one of them met an end with a motor vehicle. More recently they have been traveling around from birdfeeders and apple trees along the Howard Pond Road.

Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney

My condolences to the family and friends of former

Andover resident Lois Parkman O'Leary of Mexico. Lois died after a long battle with cancer on Jan. 1. She leaves two sisters, Harriet Parkman Glover of East Andover and Jean Parkman Miner of Florida, and brothers, John of North Carolina and David of Montana.

The fifth grade of the Andover Elementary School is holding another bottle drive on

Saturday, Jan. 10, starting at 9:30 a.m. All money collected will go toward their spring trip.

This is the first in a series of history lessons about our town — because of its 200th birthday.

Pretend for a few minutes that it's two hundred years ago. You are living in a small village called East Andover, Mass., county of York. Yup, you're a Flatlander. Thomas Jefferson is president of the United States, the Revolutionary War has been over for about six years, the war of 1812 hasn't happened yet. If you want chicken for dinner, you have to catch the bird, kill it, dress and pluck it before you can even think of cooking it. You can hunt deer whenever you want to not only in November, go fishing without a license, and you don't have to worry about the size. Game wardens haven't been invented yet. Some people even dine on squirrels — I wonder if they taste like chicken? If you want a new dress or shirt, you have to make it by hand starting with making the cloth.

Okay, go forward to the year 1850. You are now living in Andover, Maine, county of Oxford. The population in 1850 was people 710, cattle 695, sheep 1,317. Great news, you are no longer a Flatlander, but you are kind of outnumbered by animals, and I don't mean the human kind either. Thus endeth the first lesson.

A group of professionals asked a group of 4-to-8 year olds this question: "What does love mean?" Here are a few of the answers: 1) When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love. 2) Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other. 3) Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs. 4) If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend you hate. 5) Love is when mommy gives daddy the best piece of chicken.

See 'ya.

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt
Guests at the home of Alice and Ken Hoyt and Beatrice Farnum on

Christmas Day for dinner were Beth, Steve and Marybeth Hoover, JoAnn, David, Ray and Shawn Crockett and Jessica Howard, James Hoyt, Robert and Gwenn Hoyt. In the afternoon for tree and supper, they were joined by Leatrice and John Chase, Althea and Robert, Keith and Daniel Stevens, Richard, Tressa, Michael and Hunter Chase, Andrew, Rhonda and Liza Chase called on their grandmother, Beatrice Farnum, in the morning.

On Monday morning, I attended the meeting and Christmas party at Augusta for Stanley Home Products.

In the afternoon, Alice and Ken Hoyt, Beatrice Farnum, Beth and Marybeth Hoover had Christmas at Jim Hoyt's with Maggie and Joseph Hoyt and Charlene Cash.

A Longaberger Basket Bingo will be held Sunday, Jan. 18, at the Jackson-Silver Legion Post, Locke Mills. Doors open at 11 a.m., Bingo at 1 p.m. Tickets will be \$10 for 16 games. A light lunch and snacks will be available. Proceeds will benefit the Woodstock fifth-grade class for their Boston trip. For more information, call Hanna at 665-2265 or Lori at 527-2170 or Woodstock Elementary School at 665-2228.

Sympathy is expressed for the family of Bruce Thurlow.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., choir practice at 5:15 p.m. and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. is prayer meeting. Thursday at 9 a.m. is Ladies Bible time.

Franklin Grange 124 meets on Jan. 10 at 10 a.m. Program is on hobbies and dinner (potluck) at noon.

A great book on the whole history of art. The museum has quite a few books on art, also on antiques and volumes on Maine and New England. Happy New Year.

South Woodstock



by Andrea Wing
Much sympathy to the family and friends of

Beverly Yates Andrews, who passed away recently. She leaves her husband, Arden, and children.

Sadness hit South Woodstock this week when Bruce Thurlow died unexpectedly while on a trip to visit friends. Bruce was only 53 years old. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Cathy, his parents, Leslie and Patty Thurlow, his children, and many friends. He lived here in South Woodstock all his life. Richard watched him go out in his truck to work each day. Sincere sympathy to all his family and friends.

We've been having some very nice weather. The thermometer said 70 degrees one day. Wish it could keep up.

Sarah Lynch is working at the Murphy home in Mechanic Falls.

Christmas is finally over. I'm always anxious for it to be here but glad when it's over. We had a nice family Christmas. We hadn't seen our grandson, Ryan, since last Christmas and was glad he could make it.

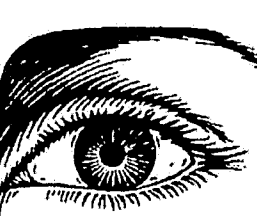
Ricky Farnum keeps our South Woodstock roads well plowed and sanded. Good work, Ricky.

We received our annual Christmas letter from Bob Lisante, who now lives in Cando, N.D. He is doing well, and we're always glad to hear from him. He stopped by last summer for a visit but I wasn't home.

Happy birthday to those celebrating in the first month of New Year 2004. They are: Ann Long, Jane Chandler, James Gallagher, Vic Hart, Lisa Mack, Todd Poland, Stacy Tilley, Matt Moore, Jim Mason Sr., Elmer Waterhouse, Brandon Dunn and Kendall Hill. May you have a happy year.

Congratulations to Leslie and Patty Thurlow on their wedding anniversary.

Every year at this time, I always think of my brother.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Sharon Bouchard's column is published by special arrangement with the Advertising Department of this newspaper.

I hope everyone had a wonderful New Year's Day and hopefully those who made resolutions will find them easy to keep in the coming months. I didn't make any New Year's resolutions this year. Actually I haven't made any resolutions for a number of years because I found that I always broke them long before January turned into February.

I did set some goals however. I think goals differ from resolutions because they are more of a "I plan to" rather than an "I will" or "I won't". Goals just don't seem as hard line as resolutions.

Anyway, continued weight loss is one goal. The holidays were nearly my undoing in this regard. The last six months I had been steadfast about low fat, healthy eating and a good dose of herbs. I even went through Thanksgiving totally in control of my eating habits. In spite of all the wonderful pies and desserts I made I resisted all temptation to over indulge on anything.

Then along came the pre-Christmas frenzy when I found I could resist anything but temptation. The level of overindulgence was probably darn near a Guinness Book of Records level.

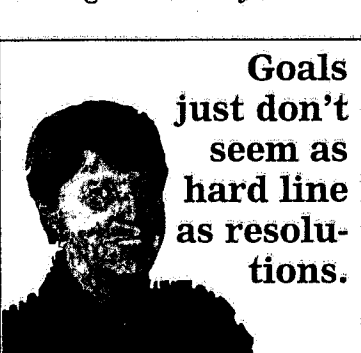
Candy that I had denied myself for so long became a daily staple. My beloved potato chips and I became reacquainted and the relationship picked up right where it left off back in June. I honestly can't say that I consumed one healthy thing over the holidays unless you consider

the raspberries in the Chocolate Raspberry Cheesecake as healthy.

Anyway, that's all over, the goal of continued weight loss is reset and I just might add a little exercise to the mix. Now, remember, that's not a resolution, it's a goal so there is no pressure.

Another goal I have set for 2004 is to find that most elusive place in my house "somewhere." We all have a "somewhere" that could be anywhere.

My "somewhere" became an infuriating location during the holidays when



Goals just don't seem as hard line as resolutions.

so many things disappeared into it and may never be seen again.

Last January during the half price sales of all things Christmas, I bought some beautiful new ornaments, wrapping paper and bows. I put them away "somewhere", but when I needed them I could find them "nowhere". I'm positive that I put the whole bag of discounted items in one of the upstairs closets. I have four upstairs closets and though I found a few things I could have sworn I had put "somewhere" downstairs, I did not find the bag I was looking for.

There is still one Christmas present lost in

"somewhere" that really baffles me. I had all the presents I had bought throughout the year stored in my bedroom closet. On wrapping day I took all of them out of the closet and put them on the dining room table.

I am sure that I accounted for each and every gift, yet after the unwrapping frenzy of Christmas morning was over, one present was amongst the missing. For some reason obscure to me I must have set it aside "somewhere", but it now is "nowhere" to be found.

The never-never land of "somewhere" is not just holiday specific. I put stuff "somewhere" all year long and spend the next year trying to find where I put it.

I know part of the problem is that I have too many "somewheres" in my house. There have been many occasions that I have put something "somewhere" in one of the many drawers in the kitchen. When I went in search of it, naturally it was "nowhere", but months later I would find it in one of the many drawers in the dining room.

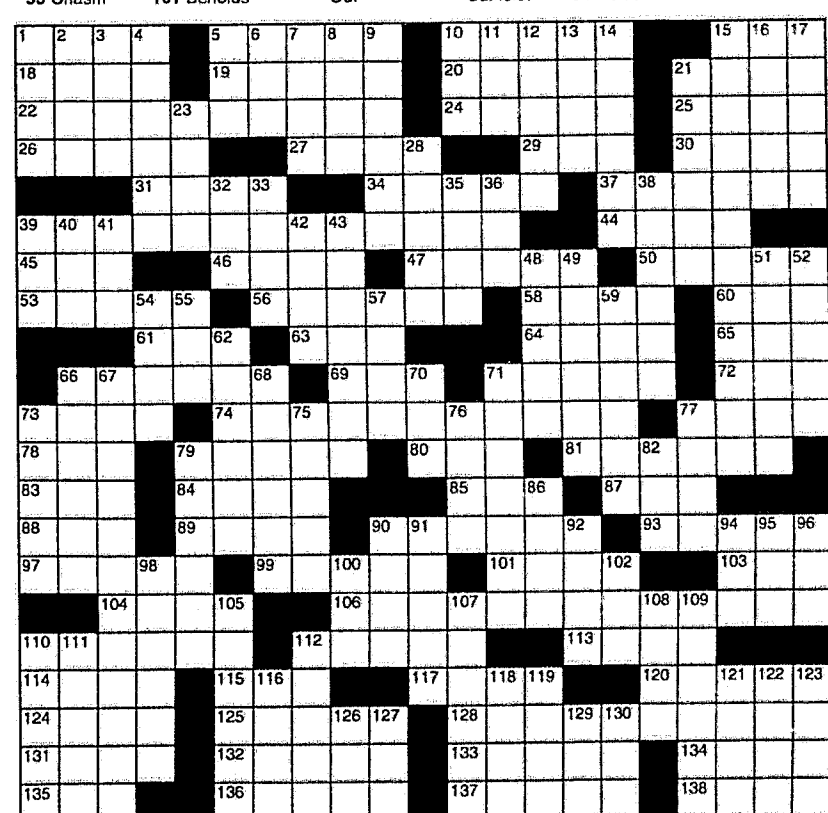
Probably my goal for 2004 should be to reduce not only my body size but also the number of "somewheres" I use to stash stuff.

The way I see it, if I can achieve those two goals my house will be much more organized and I'll be able to find everything I put away and I'll be able to wear some of my smaller size clothing. That is if I can find them; I know I stored those clothes "somewhere!"

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checked out by knowledgeable medical personnel at the earliest opportunity. If you don't like the first doctor's diagnosis, ask for a second opinion. Early detection and treatment are your best chance to survive once cancer develops.

Once cancer is confirmed by biopsy, insist on seeing a respected oncologist (cancer specialist) before agreeing on a treatment regimen. Other medical specialists may be highly regarded in their fields, but they may not be as capable in treating malignancies.

In choosing a treatment regimen, seek a second opinion and research all available sources of information on the type of cancer that you (or your loved one) have. There are excellent Websites by the National Cancer Society and many other renowned cancer centers specializing in just about every type of cancer known.

Consider "quality of life" factors when selecting treatment options. (Patient's age, physical condition and the location and type of cancer may impact decisions concerning surgery, chemotherapy or other treatment options.) It may make little sense to put a person with an incurable cancer through the trauma of surgery or the discomfort of chemotherapy.

When all else fails, try to accept your mortality and the inevitable outcome; seek comfort in your religion or consult counselors experienced in dealing with terminally ill patients.

Waterford



by Rockie Graham
Happy New Year to all of my readers. Seems like 2003 ended

with everyone having one of the many viruses going around. Fortunately, I knew of no one that was seriously ill with the flu, just colds and stomach viruses. Now it is 2004 and hopefully all those pesky viruses will freeze along with the temperature.

A warning to Waterford residents — there has been some one casing neighborhoods between 1 and 3 in the morning. As soon as that person (or persons) sees lights or any sign of activity, they are gone. It is a smaller vehicle with a loud muffler. Several folks have reported it to the police. All should be aware and on the lookout. Maybe whoever it is had a bad Christmas, but that doesn't mean the rest of us should suffer. In any case, I hope all reading this had a wonderful holiday season and is hale and hearty for the New Year that faces us.

There are several things happening in the next week. The Rotary and WGME have a bottle drive for Mentoring for Youth. Redeemable bottles can be collected at OHCHS from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sat.

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urday, Jan. 10. Free collection bags and stickers are available at the Child Health Center, 100 Main Street, Norway. And from your local Rotarian.

Also, on the 10th the Oxford County Democrats are having a Petition Day at the Fare Share Commons, 447 Main Street, Norway. There is a pizza party reception with Congressman Mike Michaud. FMI call Cathy at 875-2116 or e-mail cathy@megalink.net. The petitions will be for Mike's reelection to Congress.

The January meetings of the group will be Jan. 22 at Paris Town Office on Main Street. Potluck supper begins at 5 p.m. The business meeting will be a training session for the February caucuses. Snow date is Jan. 23. Aymie Walshe executive director of the Maine Democratic Party, will be conducting the training. Caucuses will be held Feb. 8 in all municipalities in the afternoon or early evening. For a complete list of caucus times and locations contact www.mainedems.org or call 622-6233.

I don't know about all of you out there, but everyone around here seems to be having car problems. Batteries and alternators seem to be the popular culprits, but all other parts are subject to failure. We may adjust to the cold weather, but I do not think that most machines do. That is why people with tow trucks do so well in cold weather. Cars do not start, engines and batteries freeze and all fluids are subject to solidifying in the cold. Watch out as that is what we are predicted to have in the next week. It is January, after all.

The next meeting of Mountain Poets is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Fare Share Commons in Norway. Come over and join us. Bring poems and share them with others.

That is all for this week. Have fun this winter and enjoy what this New Year has to bring.

Albany



by Dana & Sheila Dyke
Hello and Greetings from Albany Township. Now that the kids are

back to school, drivers should be extra wary in the mornings especially where it is still quite dark when the older kids have to wait alongside the roads for their buses.

We hope that everyone had

a joyous holiday season. We have been very busy with the new house, but, enjoying every moment of it. Thanks to everyone who has been stopping by to "welcome" us to our "new" neighborhood.

Carlton and Pam Rugg returned this past weekend from their trip to Florida. We understand that they had a wonderful time in the sunshine and warmth. Of course, they were welcomed back to Maine with snow and wind and chill.

Best wishes for a Happy and Safe Week. God Bless and Keep.

North Newry



by Gil Seeley
The Newry Mothers Club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 13, at Bear River Grange

for a potluck supper and gift exchange. All members are encouraged to attend. Please bring your favorite dish and a gift to exchange.

Locke Mills



by Lorraine Larson
The town was shocked and saddened by the news of the death of Sally

Melville last week and wishes to offer its sincerest sympathy to her family. Sally was a friend and co-worker to the members of the Greenwood Fire Department Auxiliary and will be very much missed by them as well as her family.

Sincerest sympathy is also wished to Denise Swan as well on the death of her father, Mr. Noyes, and also to the other members of her family. I am sorry this is so late, but I just found out about it a short time ago as I did not connect the last name on the obituary with Denise.

This certainly was a Christmas to remember for me, as not only the weather was weird but for the second Christmas in a row I came down with a lousy virus that ended any other plans I might have had, to say nothing about the fact that I did not get my cards sent. Every year I promise myself that I will do my cards in October; but, of course, I don't. I am always sending them out at the last minute, but these past two years I haven't felt like doing



NEW CPA ON STAFF
Bonita M. Sessions, CPA welcomes Kelly Osgood-Newkirk, CPA to her staff at 14 High Street in Bethel. A native of the area, she currently resides in Bryant Pond with her husband and two children. She has more than 10 years of experience in the accounting field, with a primary focus on non-profits and small business organizations. She earned a bachelor's degree in accounting in May of 2000 from the University of Maine at Augusta, and most recently, obtained her Certified Public Accountancy license.

anything that last week. Ralph was wondering where I could have gotten it considering I didn't get to many places, but it only takes one contact and sometimes I think these stupid viruses stay in one's system forever, only to get hold of one when one's system is at a low point.

I understand that Mary Stone has been under the weather, so to speak, and we wish her a speedy recovery from whatever it was.

I have still been putting my Christmas lights on at night because they are cheery looking and with this winter's weather we need all the cheery we can get. It is also a good reminder to pray for our road crew, as they have to be out plowing in all kinds of weather.

They tell me that people born in the first part of December tend to be impulsive, and although I am not particularly a believer in astrological signs, I find I can be impulsive at times. The other day I thought I had a call from a telemarketer who can be very hard to get rid of, so I said quickly that I was sorry I couldn't talk right now and hung up only to have a bell ring in my head that the voice also sounded like the pastor of the Assemblies church. So I called him and he said that it was he and he was just concerned that something might be wrong. I assured him that the only thing that was wrong was my red face. That will teach me, I hope, to be a little less quick on the trigger.

Greenwood City



by Rena Curtis
Another week and it sure has been a busy one. Condolences go out to

Grace Yates and family on the loss of her daughter, Beverly

with them. On Christmas Day I was down and had Christmas breakfast with them.

Al and Marie Curtis had their family tree and party Christmas night at their place. On Saturday, we had the Curtis family tree and party. People from Kingsbury, Freeport, New Gloucester, Brunswick and New Hampshire were here; there were 71 in all.

People were seen fishing on Hicks Pond Saturday.

I had several phone calls from nieces, nephews and grandchildren, as well as my son in Kentucky. It was nice to hear from them and to know how they and their families are. It's also nice to know they think of me.

I had a red cardinal come a few days before Christmas, first one I've had for a long time. They are so pretty.

A thought to remember: "Friends are seldom found, they are made."

That's it for this week. Hope you all have a wonderful New Year.

East Stoneham



by Eleanor Nelson
Hi readers. When you read this it will be the beginning of

a new year. I hope it will be a good and happy and healthy one for you all.

Also, hope you all had a good Christmas. I did. All our children and their families were here at one time or another during the holidays, except daughter-in-law Carole Nelson. At the present time she is in the Rumford Hospital. She has been very sick. Hope you are feeling better now, Carole, and on the mend.

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service at the North Waterford Church, but I think that the rainy night and slippery roads kept some people away.

Shirley Grant from Mechanic Falls spent the Christmas holidays with Frances Grant. Dianne and Roy (Stanley) Johnson spent Christmas with their son, Joshua, in Portland.

Our kids and grandkids all had so much fun on Saturday at Oxford going snow tubing. There were about 15 of them. They made quite a train going down the hill and had a blast, and afterwards they enjoyed a roast beef supper here with Albert and me. If you have never had the roast beef from the Schwan's truck, you're missing something. It makes its own gravy and just melts in your mouth. It's expensive, but worth it once in a while. It's good when you want a special quick and easy meal. Just throw a few vegetables in with it and dinner is ready in a matter of a few minutes.

Well, people, I have retired again, this time from Evergreen Valley Inn as desk clerk. It's been fun working over there and working with and meeting some really nice people but decided it was time to retire. I shall miss seeing the people that come there year after year, etc. (also the little bit of extra money), but guess husband and house needs me here. I have just gotten a computer but I still need a printer for it. I have been getting used to the "mouse." Now, since Christmas is over, maybe we can get more acquainted.

Last Friday night after Christmas, all the kids were going to have a pizza party at Evergreen (where they were staying) but foolish me messed that up. I went to go upstairs and decided I didn't have to, so started back down and fell and had to go to the ER. I'm okay, but still have a bit of a bump on the back of my head. Maybe it banged some sense into me — who knows.

Girl Scouts will be selling cookies beginning Jan. 9 through Feb. 1.

Joanne Hartford had about 23 turkeys in her yard one day

recently. What a dinner she could have had.

From the

Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

In one of the last newsletters, we sent you a sign-up sheet for hosting a Business After Hours in 2004. We already have five months reserved and there are openings that are ready to be filled.

Mark the following dates on your calendar and plan to come Thursday, Jan. 15, at Deximer on Main Street, Bethel; Thursday, May 20, at the McLaughlin Gardens on Main Street, South Paris; Thursday, June 17, at the Sudbury Inn, Bethel; Thursday, Oct. 21 at Winter Journeys in Lovell; Thursday, Dec. 16, at Maine Line Products in Greenwood.

Dates Still Available: Thursday, Feb. 12; Thursday, March 18; Thursday, April 15; Thursday, July 22; Thursday, Aug. 26; Thursday, Sept. 23; Thursday, Nov. 18. If you would like to use the Business After Hours format to promote your business, here are a few "pointers" to help it succeed: Treat this like a party. This is your chance to show off. Have great food and drink. Invite everyone, including your friends, family and business associates. You want lots of people at your party. Provide give-aways and say that on your invitation. Collect business cards and follow up, thanking people for coming. Call the chamber office, 824-2282, if you want to sign up for one of the available dates.

The 2004 Bethel WinterFest, is sure to provide mid-winter fun for the whole family. Following, find a summary of the planned events: 4th annual Snowmobile Show and Radar Run at the Bethel Airport, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. Ride-in or trailer your snowmobile to compete in the multi-divisional radar run event. Come see the latest in snowmobile

equipment and visit with the proud owners of some antique sleds on display. Warm food and beverage provided by the Bethel Fire Department. For more information on radar run, divisions, or general event info, call the chamber office, 824-2282 or Sun Valley Sports at 824-7533. This event is being sponsored by Oxford Networks!

The Hot Air Ballooning event is planned for Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. Ascents will be attempted Saturday and Sunday early morning and Saturday afternoon. Paid rides available on a space available basis. A hot-air balloon tether riding opportunity will be available Saturday afternoon at the Bethel Airport from 2 to 4 p.m. For exact times and costs, call the chamber office. The following businesses are supporting this event in a variety of ways: Community Energy, Sunday River Ski Resort, Sunday River Inn and Cross Country Ski Center, Riverbend Condominiums, Rentals Unlimited/Hastings Suites, L'Auberge Country Inn and Bistro, RiverView Resort, Stony Brook Campground, Victoria Inn and the Parsons Family.

Fourth annual Androscoggin River Polar Plunge, Saturday, Jan. 31, at noon at Bethel Outdoor Adventure and Campground. This is a terrific and fun event that raises funds for the Bethel Fire Department and the Telstar Regional High School girls' softball team. Anyone may plunge for the fun of it, or sponsor sheets may be picked up at the chamber office or Bethel Outdoor Adventure at 824-4224.

The Ice-Carving Demonstration is planned for Saturday, Jan. 31. Come enjoy watching the creativity of area restaurant chefs on the Bethel Common. You'll be amazed.

Fourth annual Great Snowbox Derby will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Bethel Inn Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Center. Come watch the third, fourth and fifth graders of the SAD44 schools compete for fastest, and/or one of the creative divisions, on the first tee at the Bethel Inn and Country Club. You'll be amazed at the creativity and camaraderie of this event. Event starts by 11 a.m. and is finished by 1:30 p.m. or so. Sponsored by Oxford Networks.

Many other winter events will happen in the area, too. Call 824-2282 for details or go to our Website www.bethelmaine.com for a

complete list. Sponsorship opportunities, too.

From the

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

Temperatures in the 20s and no wind made for a very pleasant sixth annual New Year's Bethel held in historic Bethel Village on Dec. 31. Sponsored by the Bethel Historical Society with the invaluable assistance of the Mahoosuc Arts Council, Gould Academy, Sunday River Ski Resort, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, and the West Parish Congregational Church, this family-oriented, chemical-free event attracted several hundred persons for an evening of entertainment and celebration of the end of one year and the beginning of another.

The program began at 4 p.m. with a watch night ecumenical service at the Congregational Church. At 6 p.m. the lighted vehicle parade kicked off the festivities. This was followed by a dragon parade around the Bethel Common that attracted dozens of children and their parents. A craft jamboree was held after the dragon parade for those wishing to create their own New Year's flag or mask.

The marshmallow roast on the Bethel Common was the next event to begin and continue through the evening. Also beginning about the same time was the food court (soup, hotdogs, popcorn, hot and cold drinks, etc.) in Bingham Gymnasium organized and sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 565. The always-popular horse-drawn wagon once more began traveling its route from the common to Gould Academy and back throughout much of the evening.

Participants were treated to five venues during the evening. At Bingham Auditorium, Leland Faulkner's magic acts and visual theater mesmerized large audiences. Also at Bingham was Trickster Fox whose comic antics, juggling and expert circus skills kept a large crowd on the edge of their seats wondering just what would happen next.

At the West Parish Congregational Church, humorist John McDonald filled in for Norbert Twitcheil, who was ill. He spun a variety of yarns that kept his audience chuck-

ling. Also at the church was the State Street Jazz Band, a longtime favorite for their authentic rendition of New Orleans jazz. Of particular note this year was the outstanding young (23-year-old) trumpet player, Mark Tipton, who impressed many with his riveting performance.

Old Grey Goose, a perennial favorite of New Year's audiences, held forth at the Dr. Moses Mason House with their old-time dance music along with songs and stories from Maine and New England.

At 10:30 there was a pause in the evening so that everyone could enjoy the fireworks made possible by the Bethel Inn and Country Club.

At midnight amid falling snow, the countdown clock on the Bethel Common signaled the passage from 2003 to 2004 while a large crowd watched and cheered as the New Year arrived.

Much appreciation is expressed to all who made this community event possible. The Bethel Inn was an event sponsor. Supporting sponsors (\$250) were Goodwin's Insurance and Sunday River Cross Country Ski Center. The horse and wagon was sponsored by Walter and Carolyn Hatch. The brochure sponsor was Sunday River Ski Resort. The poster sponsor was the Maine Press. Event Friends (\$100 or less) included the Bethel Animal Hospital, the Bethel Citizen, the Bethel Foodliner, Bethel Station Chiropractic, Brooks Bros., Inc., Delphi Group, Java House, Liam's Restaurant, Mahoosuc Realty, The Maine Houses, Main-Land Development Consultants, Inc., Maine Line Products, Michael T. Steven and Associates, Norway Savings Bank, Professional Massage Therapy, Rivendell House B&B, S. Timberlake Co., Stephens Memorial Hospital, Stony Brook Recreation, Sudbury Inn, Sun Valley Sports, Inc. Private Backers (\$100) were Lee and Al Barth, Allan and Mary Crane, Marlene and Lawrence Engdahl, Bob and Lida Iles, and Michael S. Stowell. Private contributors (under \$100) included Penny Bohac/ Joe Cardello, Gwyneth and Ken Bohr, Patricia and Eric Boyle-Wight, Beth and Walter Brough, Barbara Douglass, Carole and Richard Duplessis, Mike and Lorrie Hoeh, Jane Hosterman, Stan Howe, Arlan and Eleanor Jodrey, Rebecca P. Kendall, Lois M. Kilroy, E. Marna McGinniss, George and Danna Nickerson, Jack and Lucy Nordahl, Marvin Ouwinga, Janet and Dexter Stowell, Richard and Sally Taylor, Murray Thurston, Sam and Natalie Timberlake, Jackie Van Leuven, and Doug and Robin Zinchuk and Family.

Thanks also go to Jack Nordahl for designing the brochure, Jeff Sterling of Sunday River Ski Resort for repainting the highway signs, the Bethel Police, Bethel Fire Department, Outward Bound, Joe Walker and all the parents who helped with the Dragon Parade and Craft Jamboree.

Ticket collectors and house managers included the following: Jack and Lucy Nordahl, Tom and Kate Kelly, Lucia and Eric Schwarz, Judy Haskell, Amy Davis, Susan Herlihy, Walter Hatch, Bob and Lida Iles, Susan Isham, Sylvia Vander Sluis, Hal Mahon, Suzanne Upton, Jacqui Van Leuven, Dan Johnson, Dean and Priscella Walker, and Sarah Edes.

Other volunteers included Tom Wheeler, Dean Walker, Ginny Walker, Seabury Lyon, and Jim Sysko.

The Steering Committee for this year's event included Al Cressy of the Bethel Historical Society, chair, Susan Herlihy and Walter Hatch, also representing Bethel Historical, Robin Zinchuk of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, Vicki Rackliffe of the Mahoosuc Arts Council, Sarah Caret of Sunday River Ski Resort, and the Rev. Daniel Johnson of the West Parish Congregational Church.

Much appreciation is also due the following businesses and organizations which served as advance ticket sales outlets: Maine Line Products, Bethel Citizen, Books N Things, Crossroads Diner, Newry Town Office, Bethel Inn and Country Club, and the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce.

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From the

Bethel Philatelic Club

Four members of the club met on Dec. 30 at the Robinson House with one large envelope of U.S. stamps. They were from the 1920s and the definitive series from that time was almost complete. There was a Linn's Stamps News that went home with someone else.

An album of stamps from Mexico made the rounds. There were some beautiful stamps in this album. Lastly, there were two small stock books of duplicates that were looked over.

All had a good time talking about their plans for stamps in the new year.

The next meeting will be Jan. 17 at the Robinson House at 2 p.m.

From the

Oxford County Democrats

The Oxford County Demo-

crats will be dispatching volunteers to secure signatures from registered Democrats on nominating petitions for the re-election of Congressman Mike Michaud on Saturday, Jan. 10. Petition Day will conclude with a pizza party at the Fare Share Commons on Main Street in Norway from 4 to 6 p.m. Congressman Michaud and staff will be in attendance and the Oxford County Democrats will award a prize for the most signatures collected prior to 4 p.m. County Chairperson Cathy Newell announced that the signature gathering for Michaud and for local candidates will continue throughout the weeks leading up to the Feb. 8 Caucus Day.

Petition Day organizers include Myra Bethell in Fryeburg, Marlee Turner in Brownfield, Hilary Ware and Marge Medd in Norway, Lynn Baker in Waterford, Cathy Newell in Greenwood, Nancy Willard, Ben Shimamura, and Maryellen Gartner in Woodstock, Linda and Bill Petrie in Mexico, Terry Hayes in Buckfield, John Patrick, Kim Sequoia and Mitzi Sequoia in Rumford, and Pam Pace and Bruce Bryant in Dixfield. Individuals wishing to gather signatures in their town may contact any of the organizers, or Cathy Newell at 875-2116 or cathynewell@megalink.net.

Anyone who would like to attend the pizza party is asked to RSVP to Cathy Newell at the above phone number. In the case of inclement weather, information will be on WOXO.

From the

Oxford County Republicans

Randy Bumps, executive director of the Bush-Cheney '04 Campaign, will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of the Oxford County Republican Committee on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at Franklin Grange 124, Main Street (Route 26) in Bryant Pond. A social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting. Reports on the forthcoming Lincoln Day Dinner in February, candidate recruitment, fundraising and campaign strategies will be among the subjects to be discussed. All Oxford County Republicans and interested

citizens are cordially invited to attend.

From the

Jackson-Silver Auxiliary

On Dec. 4 several members and a guest, Second District Auxiliary President Elaine Rogers, met for a 6 p.m. potluck supper, after which they and Post members went to the auxiliary meeting room for a joint opening, and President Martha Stowell read the names of people who had purchased light bulbs and for whom they were in memory or in honor of. The chaplains offered prayers and all bundled up and went outside where the trees were lit, to remain so until Four Chaplains Day in February.

In the meeting that followed, a donation was voted for a Telstar group of six students who will be traveling to Washington, D.C., in the spring, to help them with their expenses. A few days prior to the meeting the Lewiston Sun Journal had carried pictures, addresses and information of young men and women from the area who are serving in the military. These were brought to the meeting and members divided them up in order to send them cards and/or write them notes.

On Dec. 6 three Senior members and one Junior went to the Veterans' Home in South Paris to help the residents pick out gifts for their loved ones and to wrap them. This is a yearly event, and residents can hardly believe that they don't have to pay anything for these gifts that have been purchased with the donations which various organizations have made.

In the following days, names of veterans at Ledgeview Living Center were asked for along with suggestions for suitable gifts and also those from the Bethel, Greenwood, Woodstock and West Paris areas who are residents of the Veterans' Home. There were 10 Ledgeview and eight at the Veterans' Home for whom gifts were purchased, wrapped and delivered a couple of days before Christmas. This was made possible with the funds realized from the people who purchased the light bulbs for the trees at the Legion Hall in

Locke Mills.

The auxiliary purchased bulbs in memory of past unit presidents Basha Ackley, Juanita Allen, Bertha Austin, Rosalia Bachelder, Elizabeth Bailey, Evelyn Barrett, Cora Bennett, Georgia Brooks, Myrtle Clifford, Fannie Cummings, Jennie Currier, Grace Emery, Rena Howe, Clara Jackson, Edith Jackson, Marion Jordan, Sylvia Judkins, Annie Kimball, Celia Lamb, Edith Littlefield, Bertha Mason, Idella Morgan, Addie Noyes, Noreen Russo, Grace Smith, Iola Marshall Tibbetts, and Mildred Cummings Tyler. Also, in honor of past presidents Florence (Honey) Bailey, Kathy Bartlett, Ann Bickford, Vera Cross, Lois Day, Leah Deegan, Sylvia Dunham, Evanna Grover, Joyce Hathaway, Cathryn Lovejoy, Mary Lyon, Kathleen McAllister, Beverly Melville, Carmen Nadeau, Margaret Sicotte, Cathy Bickford Smith, Martha Stowell, Margery Swan, and Nellie Swan.

Also, in memory of past post commanders M. Parker Allen, Charles Andrews, Richard Andrews, Joseph Bartlett, Frank S. Bean, Lester Bickford, Charles Clifford, Earl Colby, C. Everett Cross, Alanson Cummings, Hermon H. Cummings Sr., Herman H. Cummings Jr., Edward Dorian, Leland Dunham, Lester Hathaway, John E. Howe, George Hudson, Silas E. Keniston, Conrad Lamb, Raynor Littlefield, Herbert Lyon, Harold Marshall, Charles B. Mason, Fred G. Mason, Earl Merrill, Roy M. Morgan, Albert Raymond, Floyd Redman, Levi Smith, Warren G. Smith, Edley Strickland, Carl Swanson, Lester Tebbets, and Frank York. Also, in honor of past post commanders George Bachelder, Andrew Bartlett, Eldon Bartlett, Leroy Day, Stanley Farrar, Chick Fitzmorris, Daniel Grover, Raymond Hakala, Ellsworth Hathaway, Drew Lawrence, J. Richard Littlefield, Cleveland Lovejoy, Delma McMillin, Richard Melville, Francis Palmer, Brian Stickland, Harry Z. Swan Jr., Kenneth Swan, Raymond Tripp Jr., Earl Tyler. Also, in memory of Harold Jackson and William Silver for whom the post was named, and in honor of MIA John Brooks and Carl Churchill and former POW John Grant and Roland Lord.

Bulbs were also purchased by Leah Deegan in memory of James A. Spinney, Margaretta

Spinney, Charles H. Soule, Alan L. Soule and Marion Soule; by Vera Cross in memory of C. Everett Cross, Mabel Dunham, Gladys Jordan, Elsie Hinkley and Netta Cole; by Sylvia Dunham in memory of Leland Dunham, Harry O'Jea, Vivian Fantone and Rowena Dunam; by Marion Morey in memory of Lloyd Morey and in honor of Ivan Morey and Donald Morey; by Anita Hakala in memory of Warren Pierce and in honor of Wayne Hakala; and by Bea Lowell in memory of Danny Forbes and Iola Forbes.

Helvi Cary purchased bulbs in memory of Nestor Ruokolainen and Robert Cary; by Rodney Hanscom in memory of Ray Hanscom; by Olive Risko in memory of Rena Howe, Michael Risko, Leslie Howe, Gerald Poland, John Brooks, Robert Farthington and John E. Howe and in honor of Michael A. Risko, Irene Cerra and Meredith Mink; by Marianna Fifield in memory of Russell Fifield and Leroy Kenniston; by Chick Fitzmorris, five bulbs in memory of Bunny Fitzmorris and in honor of Cecile Fitzmorris; by Martha Stowell in memory of George P. Stowell Sr., W. Rodney Swift, Ronald Smiley, Raynor Littlefield, Edith Littlefield, Eldon Hathaway, and Barbara Hathaway and in honor of George P. Stowell III, Ryan R. Stowell, Jonathan H. Stowell, Andrew N. Stowell, Brian M. Stowell and Jennifer A. Stowell.

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Also, by Susie Cox in memory of Wesley Cox, Fenton Damon and Dane Bova; by Deanna Chapin in honor of Eric Austin.

From the

Oxford Pomona

Grange 2

On Dec. 2 Oxford Pomona met at Oxford Grange 46 for the last meeting of the year. Oxford Grange has a number of new, enthusiastic members who have already, since October, taken all seven degrees of the order, and some have already taken offices in their Grange.

It has been a custom for a few years to not exchange gifts but to bring items for a food bank to the December meeting, and quite a large amount was brought which was destined this year for the Rumford area.

Cards were exchanged and good fellowship enjoyed.

The program consisted of several humorous readings, one by Earl Andrews about a man who knew everybody, another by Nancy Mercer in "A Letter to My Pet."

Russell Yates had one about a realistic exercise program and mine was a serious one about how the seemingly small kindness can be the most important thing you ever did.

These were all interspersed with everyone singing typical Christmas songs.

Potluck refreshments were enjoyed in the dining hall after the meeting.

There will be no Pomona meetings during January and February, but they will resume in March when Rumford Grange 115 will be the hosts and a 6:30 p.m. supper will be served before the meeting.

It is expected that Stan Howe and Jim Lowe will show slides or film on their recent trip to

the Netherlands and tell about their experiences there and in other European countries.

From the

Pinhook Meeting

House Society

The Pinhook Meeting House Society would like to thank the following for their donations of lights that were placed on the society's tree during the Christmas season:

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Donations were made in memory of the following: Elva Abbott, George Abbott, Harold Abbott, Nellie Abbott, Cullen Abbott, Beth (Betty) Abbott, Helena Abbott, Bud Allen, Carl Allen, Harold Allen, Roy Allen, Dr. Bryant Bean, Chester Bean, Edward O. Bean, Steve Bernard, Emma Billings, Lee Billings, Harry Billings, Robert Billings, Raymond Burnham, Harold Byam, Bea Byam, Arlan Campbell, Addie Campbell, Michael Casper, Earlyn Crouse, Nina P. Crouse, Arlene Cushman, Herman Cole, Flora Cole, Edgar Davis, Lettie Davis, Terry Broomhall Davis, Clover Emery, Hazen Emery, John Evans, Joe Farnum, Joyce Fosyth, Gerald Gammon Jr., Gerald Gammon Sr., Seemie Gammon, Eva Gammon, Freddie Gautreau, Irene Gautreau, Gaudreau grandparents, Ismay Hathaway, Waylon Hoyt, Flora Hoyt, Christine Kimball, Elizabeth Knight, Jackie Knights, James Knights, Mary Knights, Mattie Lindsey, Lewis Lindsey, Horace Lindsey, Marie Morin, Pops Miller, Miller Grandparents, Eva Mills, Mark Mills, Norman Mills, Edgar and Julia Morgan, Esther Pierce, Mildred Poulin, Merle Ring, Ruby Ring, Lisa Roberts, Stanley Roberts, Jack Rowland Jr., Annie Rosenberg, Porter Swan, Verna Swan, Maurice Taylor, Marjorie Tylor, Harold and Iola Tibbetts, Marion Tibbetts, Granville T. Thurston and Family, Edith Whitman.

Donations were made in honor of the following: Herschell Abbott, Beverly Andrews, Clyde Knights, Sylvia Knights.

From the

Western

Mountains

Alliance

The H. King and Jean Cummings Charitable Fund has provided a grant of \$3,000 to the Western Mountains Alliance in support of an event honoring its founder, King Cummings.

The event, which has been held since 1997, recognizes an organization in the four-county region that best exemplifies Cummings' vision for western Maine.

This year, the award was given to the Lake George Regional Park, which is run mostly by volunteers after being saved from developers ten years ago.

It was cited for being a model of collaboration, exemplifying what can be achieved when people with a common vision come together and work together for the common good.

"We are pleased to have the continuing support of the Cummings Charitable Fund for this biennial event as we work to carry out the vision of our founder," said Deborah Burd, executive director of the Alliance.

Previous recipients of the award include the Rangeley Region Economic Growth Council (1997), Piscataquis County Economic Development Council (1999), Androscoggin River Watershed Council (2001).

Established in 1988, the Western Mountains Alliance strives to improve the quality of life and to strengthen the regional identity of the western mountains region of Maine. For more information about its programs, log onto www.westernmountainsalliance.org.

From

Gould Academy

Gould Academy Nordic Skier in Residence Dave Chamberlain placed 4th on Saturday, Jan. 3, in the 30k classic technique race at the U.S. Cross Country Championships at Black Mountain in Rumford.

Chamberlain has found success this season on the USSA Cross Country Supertour, with a number of top-five finishes, including at least one first-place finish as he has skied alongside some of the best racers in the country. This week's championship races in Rumford are the culmination of that tour.

As the Nordic skier in residence and assistant athletic director at Gould, Chamberlain is a dorm parent in a boys' dorm, and coaches cross-country running and cycling at the academy when he is not training or competing around the country.

The championship races continue until Jan. 11, with the men's and women's classic, freestyle, and sprint championship races. For more information on the week's races and results, visit the U.S. Ski Team Website at: <http://www.usskiteam.com/PublishingFolder/102.htm>.

TELSTAR BASKETBALL RAFFLE WINNERS

The winners in the Telstar High School boys' basketball raffle for the first week of January are as follows:

Jan. 1, Bruce Powell (\$100); Jan. 2, Linda Palmer (\$50); Jan. 2, Nicole Berry (\$25); Jan. 4, Don Best (\$25); Jan. 5, Nathalie Berry (\$25); Jan. 6, Kim Thurlow (\$25); Jan. 7, Alan Fleet (\$25).



PANCAKES AND PSATS-Telstar High School and Project Opportunity recently sponsored pancake breakfasts for all students in grades 10 and 11. The breakfasts were sponsored by the College Aspirations grant awarded by the MELMAC Foundation to Telstar and Project Opportunity. As part of the grant, all sophomore and juniors at Telstar took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) in the fall. The breakfasts provided Telstar guidance counselors Karen Bean and Susan Parker an opportunity to help students understand and interpret the PSAT scores which had recently been reported. While Telstar Principal Shawn Lambert and former Telstar Principal and current Project Opportunity Board Director Ted Davis flipped pancakes and sausages, Counselors Bean and Parker met with small groups of students to help them interpret the score reports. Shown here are, from left, Chad Knox, Chris Duplessis, Davis and Lambert. The College Aspirations grant is aimed at empowering more students to enroll in colleges and universities after graduation. The award, jointly given to Telstar High School and Project Opportunity, includes a one time planning grant of \$5,000 and two annual grants of \$30,000. So far the grant has been used to pay for all sophomores and juniors to take the PSATs, for several college awareness and financial planning nights held at various locations in SAD44, and for these breakfasts. In the future the grant may be used to fund college visitations and SAT preparation programs.

School Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Madison 66, Telstar 61; Jan. 6— Telstar's Sean Caddigan had 25 points and August Reiss 18 in a loss to Madison.

Mountain Valley 63, Telstar 50; Jan. 3— Telstar's Sean Caddigan scored 24 points in a loss to Mt. Valley. Other scorers: August Reiss (7); Josh Longway (6); Kevin Wight (5); Terry Collins (4); Brian Mitchell (4). Caddigan had four three-pointers and Reiss and Wight one each.

High School Boys' JV Basketball

Mountain Valley 50, Telstar 35; Jan. 3— Telstar's Ryan Kimball scored 17 points, Steve McDonnell 11 and Matt Zinchuk six in a loss to Mt. Valley.

High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 42, Madison 34; Jan. 5— Telstar's Jillian Kimball had 13 points in a win over Madison. Other scorers: Liz Rosenberg (8); Chea Davis (8); Krystle Gould (7); Abbie Wentworth (6).

High School Snowboarding

USASA Qualifying Series Jan. 5— The first event was scheduled to be a Superpipe event at Sugarloaf Ski Area Jan. 3, but due to the lack of constant snow the event was changed to a Boardercross. Eighty-one competitors ranging in age from 9 to 50+ competed. The course started in the half pipe with two drop-aways, three big rollers, and one jump. GSR snowboarding coach Chris Davies said of the event, "The course flowed quite well and was pretty fast. The opportunities to pass were slim, but GSR riders took advantage of every possibility, and both fulltime and development teams' riders rode very well." Colby Aldred and Naomi Abrams had notable results for their first ever events, finishing first and third, respectively. Gould junior Kurt Somerville battled through all the heats but was clipped in the final race on the second bend. Despite the setback, Somerville still finished fourth.

USASA

Jan. 5— Gould finishers: Grommet Boys (8-9): first, Colby Aldred; Menhune Boys (10-11): first, Jordan Sanford, third, Peter Rodway; Menhune Girls (10-11): first, Nina Tupper, third, Naomi Abrams; Breaker Boys (12-13): fourth, Chaz Wilson; Youth Girls (14-15): second, Ana Brzezinska; Junior Girls (16-17): first, Becky Slattery; Junior Boys (16-17): fourth, Kurt Somerville.

School Lunch

Week of January 12

Telstar and Middle School Lunches

Monday: Fish and chips, green beans, soft pretzel. Special: cheeseburger pizza.
Tuesday: Turkey melt wrap, veggie sticks. Special: Brushetta pizza.
Wednesday: Variety of pastas, sauces and meats, garlic bread. Special: pork "Dipper" pizza.
Thursday: Bacon-double cheeseburger/bun, Fr. fries. Special: Philly cheese steak calzones.
Friday: Ham sub and delightful fries. Special: French bread pizza.
Choice of milk and fresh or portioned fruit or fruit juice each meal.

SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

Monday: Fish munchies, hot veggies, dessert treat w/meal.
Tuesday: Turkey bulky w/lettuce, French fries.
Wednesday: American chop suey, hot veggie, dinner roll.
Thursday: Cheeseburger/bun, French fries.
Friday: Pepperoni pizza wrap, tossed salad w/dressing.
Choice of milk and fruit each meal.
Weekly alternates: Yogurt/cheese Fun Lunch, triple pbj sandwich, chef's salad.

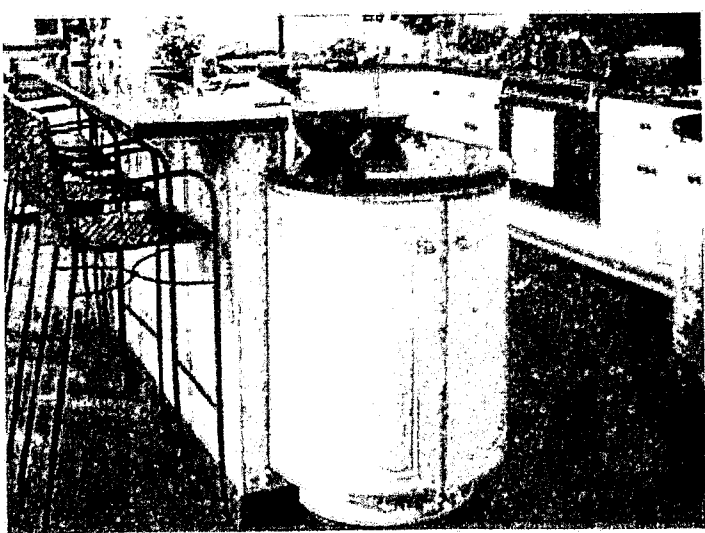


FUN ON THE TRAILS

Max Southam, Caleb Clarke, Andrew Siegel, Kyle Walker, Elliot List and Rachael Wheeler enjoyed a recent day of Nordic skiing with the Bethel Outing Club's Flying Moose Ski Team. Parents interested in the BOC's Bill Koch Youth Ski Program, which meets Wednesdays and Sundays, should call Brad Clarke at 824-4692.

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Telstar Middle School 2003-2004 Basketball Teams



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL—Front: James Kimball, Alex Gundersen, Kyle Maines, Mike Fleet, Andy Whitney. Back: coach Tim O'Connor, Jon Sabins, Ryan Hannigan, Gavin Broomhall, Jason Young, Paul Saucier, Dane Wilson (mgr).



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL—Front: Merissa Osgood, Sam Fiedler, Abby Hutchins, Nikki Hughes, Rochelle Jewell, Whitney Mills. Back: coach Kim Kangas, Sarah Field, Rachel Chenery, Brianna Douglass, Bailey Davis, Esther Pew, Josie Reiss, Vicki Rice, Rebecca Wilson (mgr).



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS' JV BASKETBALL—Front: Brandon Blood, AJ Hebert, Seth Shumimura, Mick Kelly, Tony York, Zach Hatstat, Bryce Walker. Back: coach Mike Pelletier, Michael Fitzmorris, Joel Putnam, Ryan Philbrick, Isaac Burnham, Dylan Ronan, Devin Hughes, Wayland Picchiotti



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS' JV BASKETBALL—Front: Mariah Bundy, Abby Jones, Meghan Griswold, Eva Thornton, Kate Jackson, Katie Smith, Kate Gibson. Back: coach Mike Bailey, Michaela Cummings, Hilary Taylor, Elizabeth Merrill, Gina Hopkins, Kelsea Kuvaja, Andrea Gunther, Kate Driscoll (mgr).

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(3) King	'70s Show	WWE SmackDown!					News		Blind Date	5th Wheel
(32) 7th Heaven		Movie: "Coming to America"					Whose?		700 Club	
(6) News	Seinfeld	Friends	Apprentice				ER		News	
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Threat Matrix		Extreme Makeover			Primetime Thursday		News	
(10) News-Lehrer		Old House	Made In	Frontline/World			Aleutians: Cradle		Charlie Rose	
(22) PGA Golf: Mercedes Championships -- First Round									SportsCenter	
(34) Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme
(18) Friends	Ent. Tonight	CSI: Crime Scn		Without a Trace			News			
(41) Sports	Football	Best Damn Sports Show Period		Football			Sports		College Basketball	
(15) "Juwanna Mann" Cont'd	Inside the NFL	Movie: "High Crimes"							Shock Video	
(17) Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Movie: "Johnny Tsunami"					Sister, Sis.	Boy World	Kim	Proud
(18) "The Wash" Cont'd	Movie: "Eraser"						Movie: "Trapped"			
(20) NHL Hockey: Pittsburgh Penguins at Boston Bruins				Overtime			SportsPlus	Red Sox	NHL Hockey	
(44) Golden	Golden	Nanny	Nanny	Movie: "In the Best Interest of the Children"			Golden		Golden	
(5) Seinfeld	Friends	Movie: "Field of Dreams"					Movie: "In the Line of Fire"			
(24) Rugrats	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Cosby			Roseanne	
(25) Movie: "Dr. No" Cont'd		Movie: "From Russia With Love"					Movie: "Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story"			
(26) JAG		Law & Order		Movie: "Terminator 2: Judgment Day"						
(27) American Justice		Biography		Movie: "Playing by Heart"					Cold Case	
(12) Becker	Home Imp.	McCloud					News		Becker	Will-Grace
(39) Anderson Cooper 360		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live			NewsNight-Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight	

FRIDAY EVENING JANUARY 9, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) King	'70s Show	Movie: "Phantoms"					News		Blind Date	5th Wheel
(32) 7th Heaven		Movie: "One Fine Day"					Whose?	Whose?	700 Club	
(6) News	Seinfeld	Dateline NBC		Ed			Third Watch		News	
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Sports Rap Live		Hope	Life-Bonnie	20/20			News	
(10) News-Lehrer		Wash Wk	Maine.	Keeping Up	Time Goes	Fawly T.	Wall		Now With Bill Moyers	
(22) PGA Golf: Mercedes Championships -- Second Round									NBA Basketball: Kings at Suns	
(34) Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.					CSI: Crime Scn			
(18) Friends	Ent. Tonight	Joan of Arcadia		JAG			Handler		News	
(41) Sports	NBA Basketball: Cleveland Cavaliers at Boston Celtics						Sports		Best Damn Sports Show	
(15) Inside the NFL		Movie: "Minority Report"					Sex & City	Curb	Cathouse 2	
(17) So Raven	Lizzie	Movie: "George of the Jungle"					Sister, Sis.	So Raven	Kim	Proud
(18) Movie: "Groundhog Day" Cont'd		Movie: "Ballistic: Ecks vs. Seaver"					Movie: "Catch Me if You Can"			
(20) College Hockey: New Hampshire at Providence							Wild World of Winter	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	
(44) Golden	Golden	Nanny	Nanny	Movie: "Along for the Ride"					Merge	
(5) Seinfeld	Friends	Movie: "Seven"					Movie: "Absolute Power"			
(24) Rugrats	SpongeBob	Oddparents	ChalkZone	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	
(25) "From Russia With Love"		Movie: "Goldfinger"					Movie: "Halloween 5"			
(26) JAG		Law & Order		Law & Order			Monk		Law & Order	
(27) American Justice		Poirot					Poirot		Third Watch	
(12) Becker	Home Imp.	McCloud					News		Becker	Will-Grace
(39) Anderson Cooper 360		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live			NewsNight-Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight	

SATURDAY EVENING JANUARY 10, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "D.O.A."					News	Sanders	Walker, Texas Ranger	
(32) Stuart Little	Cont'd	Movie: "The Night of the Twisters"					Movie: "The Face on the Milk Carton"			
(6) Maine	Seinfeld	Average Joe: Hawaii		Apprentice			Law & Order		News	Sat. Night
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Figure Skating: State Farm U.S. Championships -- Women's Final					News	Raceline		
(10) Made In	What's for	Lost Gods-Island		Great Apes			Scientific-Frontiers	Red Green	Red Green	
(22) PGA Golf: Mercedes Championships -- Third Round									SportsCenter	
(34) Ride	Ride	Extreme	Extreme	SiamBall			WWE Velocity		WWE Confidential	
(18) NFL Today	NFL Football	AFC Div. Playoff -- Tennessee at New England					News	Ent. Tonight		
(41) College Basketball: Stanford at Arizona	College Basketball: California at Arizona State						Best Damn Sports Show		See This	
(15) Don't Tell Mom		Movie: "Just Married"					Movie: "Don't Say a Word"			
(17) So Raven	Lizzie	Movie: "Dinosaur"					Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Kim	Proud
(18) Executive Decision		Movie: "Above the Law"					Movie: "Road to Perdition"			
(20) College Basketball: Providence at Rutgers				Breakaway	Far Attic				ESPNNews	
(44) Eye of the Stalker: A Moment of Truth Movie				Wild Card			1-800-Missing		Intimate Portrait	
(5) Movie: "The Thomas Crown Affair"				Movie: "True Crime"					"Ronin"	
(24) Nicktoon	Nicktoon	Grown Up	Romeo	All That	Amanda	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	
(25) Goldfinger	Cont'd	Movie: "Thunderball"					Movie: "Psycho III"			
(26) Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order			Law & Order		Law Order CI	
(27) City Confidential		American Justice		Cold Case Files			Michael Jackson Case		Crossing Jordan	
(12) Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	McCloud					In the Heat of the Night		Fresh Pr.	Stars
(39) Capital Gang		CNN Presents		Larry King Live			CNN Saturday Night		CNN Presents	

SUNDAY EVENING JANUARY 11, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) King		Movie: "Mississippi Burning"					News	Phantom	Sanders	Pyramid
(32) One Fine Day	Cont'd	Movie: "Hope Floats"					Movie: "Hope Floats"			
(6) Dateline NBC		American Dreams		Law Order CI			Law Order CI		News	Maine
(8) Funniest Home Videos		10-8		Atlas			Practice		News	Hot Ticket
(10) American Family		Nature		Masterpiece Theatre			DNA		To Contrary	Religion
(22) PGA Golf: Mercedes Championships -- Final Round									NFL	SportsCenter
(34) WWE Sunday Night Heat		Movie: "Days of Thunder"					Henson	Extreme	Ride	Real TV
(18) 60 Minutes		Cold Case					30th Annual People's Choice Awards		News	Friends
(41) College Basketball		84321		NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Houston Rockets					College Basketball	
(15) Movie: Two Weeks Notice				Sex & City	Curb		Movie: "The Ring"			
(17) So Raven	Lizzie	Movie: "Seventeen Again"					Sister, Sis.	So Raven	Kim	Proud
(18) Movie: Dances with Wolves							Movie: "Ricochet"			
(20) NE Report	PGA	Outdoors	Outdoors	NE Journal	Camo Cnt		Divers	Ride	ESPNNews	
(44) Into the Arms of Danger: A Moment of Truth Movie				Division			Strong Medicine		1-800-Missing	
(5) Movie: Run Cont'd		Movie: "The Score"					Movie: "The Score"			
(24) Rugrats	Drake	Garcia	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	
(25) "Thunderball" Cont'd		Movie: "You Only Live Twice"					Movie: "The Eiger Sanction"			
(26) Backdraft	Cont'd	Movie: "The Rock"							Law & Order	
(27) Crossing Jordan		Biography					Inside Lord of the Rings		House of Dreams	
(12) Mutant X		Andromeda		X-Files			News	Replay	Matlock	
(39) People in the News		CNN Presents		Larry King Live			CNN Sunday Night		CNN Presents	

MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 12, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) King	'70s Show	Parkers	Eve		Girlfriends	Half & Half	News		Blind Date	5th Wheel
(32) 7th Heaven		Movie: "Down Periscope"					Whose?	Whose?	700 Club	
(6) News	Seinfeld	Fear Factor		Las Vegas			Average Joe: Hawaii		News	
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Enemy of the State"							News	
(10) News-Lehrer		Antiques Roadshow		American Experience			Love Story		Charlie Rose	
(22) College Basketball: Notre Dame at Pittsburgh				College Basketball: Syracuse at Missouri					SportsCenter	
(34) Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	WWE Raw							Henson	Extreme
(18) Friends	Ent. Tonight	Yes, Dear	Still	Raymond	Two Men	CSI: Miami			News	
(41) Sports	Football	Best Damn Sports Show Period		Football	Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show			
(15) :03 From Gold		Movie: "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"					Movie: "Juwanna Mann"			Adaptation.
(17) Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Movie: "Eddie's Million Dollar Cook-Off"					Sister, Sis.	Boy World	Kim	Proud
(18) "Breakdown" Cont'd		Movie: "Road to Perdition"					Movie: "From Hell"			
(20) NHL Hockey: Buffalo Sabres at Boston Bruins				Overtime			Fan Attic			
(44) Golden	Golden	Movie: "Gracie's Choice"					Movie: "Gracie's Choice"			
(5) Seinfeld	Friends	Movie: "Save the Last Dance"					Movie: "Now and Then"			
(24) Rugrats	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	
(25) "You Only Live Twice"		Movie: "Diamonds Are Forever"					Movie: "Airport 77"			
(26) "The Rock" Cont'd		Law & Order		Movie: "The Hitcher II: I've Been Waiting"			Law & Order			
(27) American Justice		House of Dreams		House of Dreams			Airline	Airline	Third Watch	
(12) Becker	Home Imp.	Movie: "First Blood"					News		Becker	Will-Grace
(39) Anderson Cooper 360		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live			NewsNight-Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight	

TUESDAY EVENING JANUARY 13, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) King	'70s Show	One	All of Us		Next Top Model		News		Blind Date	5th Wheel
(32) 7th Heaven		Movie: "Housesitter"					Whose?	Whose?	700 Club	
(6) News	Seinfeld	Morgan	Whoopi		Fraser	Happy	Law & Order		News	
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	8 Rules	Im With		Jim	Less Than	Line of Fire		News	
(10) News-Lehrer		Nova			American Experience		Independent Lens		Rose	
(22) College Basketball: Iowa at Minnesota					College Basketball: Kentucky at Mississippi State				SportsCenter	
(34) Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Oblivious	Oblivious		Henson	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme		
(18) Friends	Ent. Tonight	Navy NCIS		Guardian		Judging Amy			News	
(41) Sports	Football	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Milwaukee Bucks					Sports	Sports		
(15) "Mr. Wrong" Cont'd		Ellen DeGeneres		Movie: "Just Married"			Big Fish	Curb	Sex & City	
(17) Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Movie: "Leave It to Beaver"					Sister, Sis.	Boy World	Kim	Proud
(18) Planes, Trains		Movie: "FearDotCom"					Movie: "Eraser"			
(20) Outdoors	Outdoors	NE Journal	Camo Cnt		Divers	Ride	Red Sox	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	
(44) Golden	Golden	Nanny	Nanny		Movie: "When He Didn't Come Home"		Golden	Golden		
(5) Seinfeld	Friends	Movie: "Nothing to Lose"					Movie: "Tango & Cash"			
(24) Rugrats	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	3's Co.	
(25) "Diamonds Are Forever"		Movie: "Live and Let Die"					Movie: "Smokey and the Bandit II"			
(26) JAG		Law & Order		Movie: "Final Destination"					Law & Order	
(27) American Justice		Biography		Cold Case Files					Third Watch	
(12) Becker	Home Imp.	Movie: "Rambo: First Blood Part II"					News		Becker	Will-Grace
(39) Anderson Cooper 360		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live			NewsNight-Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight	

WEDNESDAY EVENING JANUARY 14, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	King	70s Show	Star Trek: Enterprise	Next Top Model	News		Blind Date	5th Wheel		
(32)	7th Heaven		Movie: "Dennis the Menace"		Whose?	Whose?	700 Club			
6	News	Seinfeld	Apprentice	West Wing	Law & Order	News				
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	My Wife	It's Relative	Bachelorette	Celebrity Mole Yucatan	News			
10	News-Lehrer		Live From Lincoln Center		American Masters				Rose	
(22)	College Basketball: Cincinnati at Marquette			College Basketball: North Carolina at Maryland			SportsCenter			
(34)	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: "Victory"						Extreme	
18	Friends	Ent. Tonight	CSI: Crime Scn	King	Becker	48 Hours Investigates	News			
(41)	NBA Basketball: Houston Rockets at Boston Celtics			Postgame	Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show			
(15)	Movie: "Sunshine State" Cont'd			Sex & City	Curb	Inside the NFL	Movie: "The Ring"			
(17)	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Movie: "Full-Court Miracle"			Sister, Sis.	Boy World	Kim	Proud	
(18)	Super Trp	Movie: "Executive Decision"				Movie: "Road to Perdition"				
(20)	College Basketball: Dartmouth at Quinnipiac			College Basketball: Rhode Island at Temple			ESPNNews			
(44)	Golden	Golden	Nanny	Nanny	Movie: "Out of Annie's Past"		Golden	Golden		
(5)	Seinfeld	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	Movie: "A Thin Line Between Love and Hate"				
(24)	Rugrats	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Drake	Full House	Full House	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne
(25)	"Live and Let Die" Cont'd		Movie: "For Your Eyes Only"				Sex at 24 Frames Per Second			
(26)	JAG		Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Third Watch			
(12)	American Justice		Biography	American Justice	Confidential					
(27)	Becker	Horne Imp.	Movie: "Rambo III"		News		Becker	Will-Gri		
(39)	Anderson Cooper 360		Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	NewsNight-Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight			

Events Calendar

Public Computer Access — Hours at the SAD44 Adult Learning Center, 444 Main Street, Bethel are: Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 to 12 a.m.; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for academic instruction and GED preparation, as well as use of the computer lab. Note: the lab is closed when there is no school in SAD44 (storm days, vacation periods).

Seniors Lunch every Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m., at Bethel Methodist Church, Main Street, sponsored by SeniorsPlus. Donation for 50 and older and spouses, \$2.50; all other guests, \$4. Reservations important. For information, menus, reservations, call 824-3168 (also the number to call to apply for Meals on Wheels).

9 a.m. (Fridays) — Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. All bridge players invited to attend and bring a friend or two. Refreshments. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-6381) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net.

Thru Jan. 31 — "Language of Hands" photography exhibit by Sally Taylor at Owen Art Gallery, Gould Academy. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Tuesdays, 12 to 2 p.m. — Watercolor class, Ruthie's Dress Shop, Bethel. FMI: call 759-1895 (toll free pager)

Thursday, Jan. 8

10 a.m. — Whitman Memorial Library Book Discussion Group will feature Ellsworth Hathaway showing his bird-carving techniques along with a display of crafted birds. Public invited.

7 p.m. — Public Interest Forum, "Our Air, Our Water, Our Diseases" at Norway Memorial Library, Main Street, Norway. Questions and discussion will be welcomed after presentation. FMI: call 928-2375 or 743-6159.

7:30 p.m. — Gould Academy's Performing Arts Series presents: Cherish the Ladies, Traditional Irish Music at Bingham Hall, Church Street. Tickets on sale at door: \$6 for adults, \$4 for students. FMI: 824-3575.

Friday, Jan. 9

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Free Workshops in college planning, financial aid, career decision-making and study skills offered by Maine Educational Opportunity Center at University College at Rumford/Mexico. Call (800) 281-3703 for more information and to register. Pre-registration required.

7:30 p.m. — "50 Years Alive: Alan Day and Friends." An evening of theater, music, dance (to celebrate Alan Day's 50th birthday) at The Forum of Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, South Paris. Free and open to the public. Donations box set up. Chem-free.

Saturday, Jan. 10

9:30 a.m. — Fifth Grade Bottle Drive by Andover Elementary School. Proceeds to toward their spring trip.

4 to 5:30 p.m. — Petition Day sponsored by Oxford County Democrats. Pizza Party reception with Congressman Mike Michaud at Fare Share Commons, Main

Street, Norway. Contact Cathy Newell at 875-2116 or cathy@megalink.net for petition forms or information.

4:30 to 7 p.m. — Fried Clams (\$10), Shrimp (\$9), Haddock, (\$8) Chicken Fingers (\$7) Supper at Rock-O-Dundee Rider's Club House, Paine Road, East Oxford. Children's plates and takeouts available. FMI: call 539-2616 or 743-6956.

5 to 7 p.m. — Roast Beef Dinner at Conway Village Congregational Church. Adults: \$7, children: \$5, under 5 free. Raffle tickets for handmade quilt. FMI: 447-3851 9 a.m. to noon.

8 to 11 p.m. — Old-Fashioned Dance at Locke Mills Town Hall with music by Richard Felt Orchestra. Proceeds benefit Greenwood Historical Society.

Sunday, Jan. 11

1 p.m. — The Old Timers' Event at Carter's Cross-Country Ski Center, Bethel. \$12 fee event consists of a 5k or 10k loop classic or freestyle option for Old Timers. For 13 and under, there will be a shorter race and tour options available. Bethel Outing Club Bill Koch youth ski group will meet at this event. FMI: call Brad Clarke at 824-4692.

Monday, Jan. 12

6:30 p.m. — Tri-Town Auxiliary meeting at Ambulance Barn, West Paris.

Tuesday, Jan. 13

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. — Juggling Workshop. 7 p.m. — "Double Vision," physical comedy performance at Grand Ballroom, Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort, Newry. Tickets: students, \$4 in advance and \$6 at door; adults, \$6 and \$8. For tickets and information, call 824-3575.

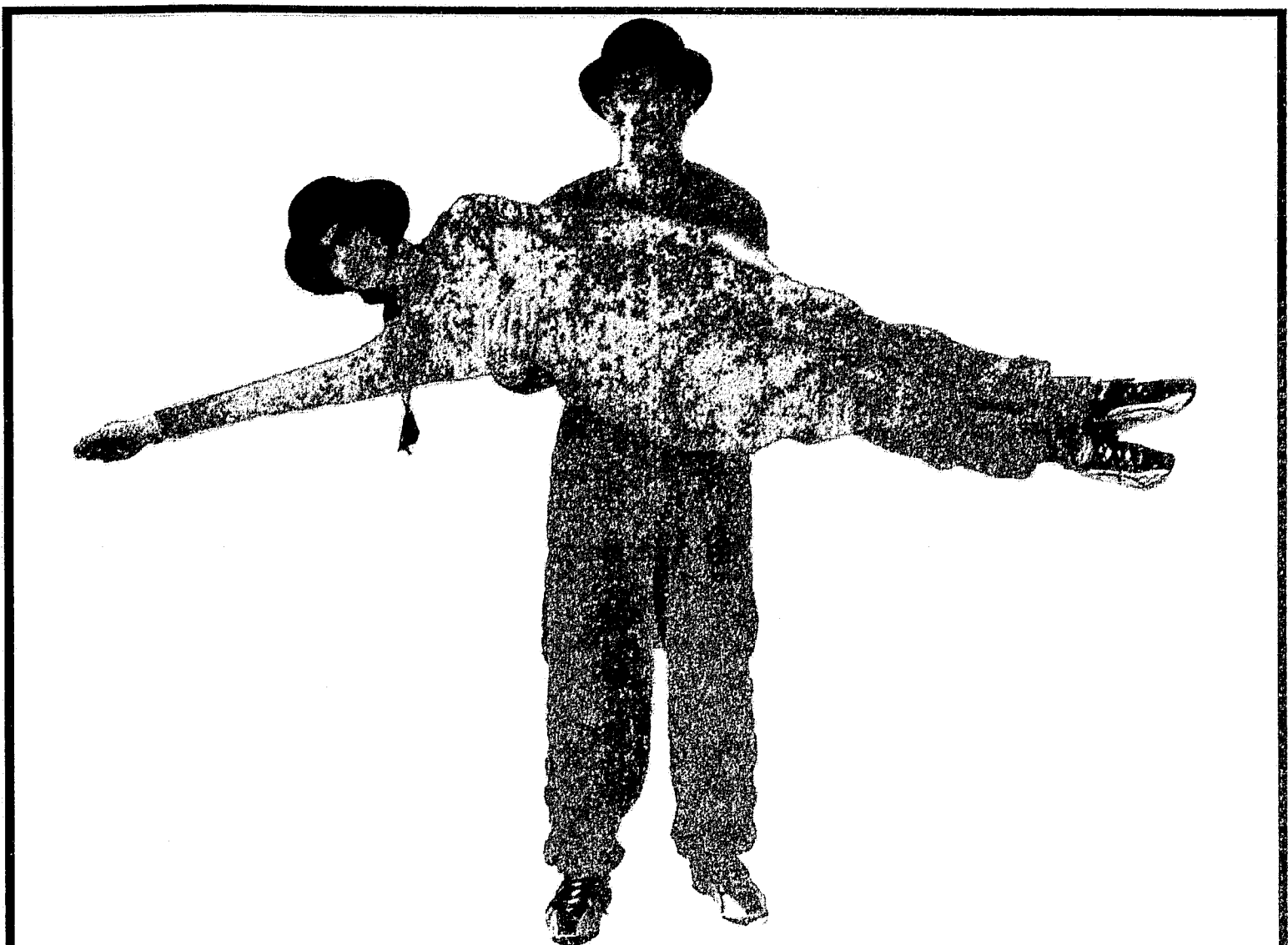
Wednesday, Jan. 14

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — John McLaughlin Foundation staff to visit greenhouses of Woodspite Orchids. Lunch after. Lunch and transportation to and from South Paris included in \$25 fee. Pre-registration required: 743-8820.

11 a.m. — Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting/dinner at The Sudbury Inn, Main Street, Bethel. Cost: \$7.50.

Beekkeeping School will start at Mountain Valley High School, Rumford. Classes last 14 weeks. Registration: Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the high school. Cost: \$25 includes books and handouts. FMI: call Carol Cottrill at 364-0917.

7 p.m. — Mahoosuc Land Trust will present Bernd Heinrich, noted wildlife biologist, award-winning author, and ultra marathoner, who will give a slide presentation on the common raven. The program is the second of the Local Knowledge series



"Mixed Nuts"

On Tuesday, January 13 you can enjoy a handful of "Mixed Nuts" as Jody Scalise and Linda Peck of Double Vision perform their collection of riotous routines for families at Sunday River Ski Resort. This Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series presentation includes a juggling workshop from 5:30-6:30 PM as well as Double Vision's performance at 7:00 PM. Ticket prices include admission for the first forty kids to the juggling workshop. The juggling workshop and the performance both take place in the Grand Ballroom of the Grand Summit Resort Hotel at Sunday River Ski Resort. Tickets for this family event are \$4.00 for children (6-12) and adults, \$6.00 in advance or \$6 and \$8 at the door. Tickets may be purchased on-mountain at the South Ridge Welcome Center, the Snow Cap Inn and the Grand Summit Hotel front desk or at Books & Things in Bethel. For further information you may call (207) 824-3575.

programs in Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium. Free. Book signing in the lobby after program.

Friday, Jan. 16

1 to 3 p.m. — Winter in the Woods, free guided snowshoe hikes offered by White Mountain National Forest. Experienced, beginners, and families welcome. Meet at Andoscoggin Ranger Station, Route 16, 3 miles south of Gorham, N.H. Snowshoes available to borrow or bring your own. FMI and reservations (taken morning of hike): (603) 466-2713 (TTY) (603) 466-2856).

1 to 6 p.m. — American Red Cross Blood Drive at Sunday River Ski Resort, South Ridge.

Saturday, Jan. 17

2 p.m. — Bethel Philatelic Club meeting at Bethel Historical Society's Robinson House.

5 to 7 p.m. — Roast Turkey Dinner at Conway Village Congregational Church. Adults: \$7, children: \$5, under 5 free. Raffle tickets for handmade quilt. FMI: 447-3851 9 a.m. to noon.

Sunday, Jan. 18

1 p.m. — Basket Bingo at Jackson-Silver American Legion Post, Locke Mills. Doors open at 11 a.m. Tickets: \$10 for 16 bingo games, available in advance. Light lunch, snacks. Door prizes, raffle baskets, consolation prizes. FMI: Hanna (665-2265), Lori (527-2170) or Woodstock Elementary School (665-2228).

7 p.m. — Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series presents: Jason Bishop, Illusionist at Grand Ballroom, Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort, Newry. Tickets: students \$4 advance/\$6 at door, adults \$6 advance/\$8 at door. For tickets or information, call 824-3575.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

11:30 a.m. — Christian Women United monthly meeting at First Congregational Church, South Paris. Speaker: Brenda Lamb, Bridgton. Those not contacted may call Pearl Anderson at 743-5724.

Thursday, Jan. 22

5 p.m. — Oxford County Democrats meeting, potluck supper and Caucus Training at Paris Town Office Meeting Room, Main Street, South Paris. Snow date: Friday, Jan. 23. FMI: Cathy Newell at 875-2116 or cathy@megalink.net.

7:30 p.m. — Oscar Lopez, powerful, fiery hot guitar, will be featured at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium. FMI: 824-7700.

Saturday, Jan. 24

5 to 7 p.m. — Smorgasbord at Conway Village Congregational

Church. Adults: \$7, children: \$5, under 5 free. Raffle tickets for handmade quilt. FMI: 447-3851 9 a.m. to noon.

5 p.m. — Concert by Gallettas (a family group) at Rumford Praise Assembly of God, Andover Road. Free and open to public. FMI: 364-3856.

8 to 11 p.m. — Old-Fashioned Dance at Locke Mills Town Hall with music by Richard Felt Orchestra. Proceeds benefit Greenwood Historical Society.

Monday, Jan. 26

1 to 7 p.m. — American Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Route 5, Fryeburg.

Thursday, Jan. 29

7 p.m. — Mountain Poets will meet at Fare Share Commons, Norway. Bring poems and share them with others.

Support Services

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

ALCOHOL/DRUG TREATMENT

Gateway Recovery Services - Outpatient counseling services available at Bethel Family Health Center, Mondays and Wednesdays. For info, call 207-743-7580.

Community Concepts' Alcohol & Drug Counseling Program is now accepting appointments in Bethel every Thursday. MaineCare welcome. DEEP certified. Call 369-0853 for appointment. Community Concepts is a non-profit organization with a mission to "help people build opportunities for a better tomorrow."

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 14pm; Wednesday 3-7pm and Saturday, 10am-2pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

MS SELF-HELP GROUP

Meets the first Friday of the month from 1:20-3pm at the West Parish Congregational Church, next to Gould Academy. For more information, call Gale Tout at 836-2900.

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 3-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES (STATE/VA BENEFITS)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Wednesday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (735-4590), 200 Main St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841. (new members welcome).

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Wednesday and Saturday, 1-4:30pm; Wednesday 6-8pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9am-1pm; Tuesday, 1-5pm; Wednesday 1-8pm; Thursday & Friday 1-5pm; Saturday, 9-1pm. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520

Crescent Park Elementary School: Open every Wednesday evening from 6-8pm to the public.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30; Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9pm. Tel. 743-2380

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5pm; Wednesday 1:30-7pm.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5pm; Wednesday 1:30-7pm; Friday 1:30-5pm. 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August.

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Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Wednesdays at the church.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Pastor Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 a.m. followed by coffee fellowship. Tuesday - Sunday School 3-4:15 for children through grade 5. Produce donated to hungry families. All are welcome. Wednesday, choir practice at 6:30. All are welcome.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor John O'Keefe. Winter hours: Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m.; morning worship 10:45 to noon. Wednesday bible study and prayer meeting 6:30 p.m., Route 5, S. Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 10 a.m. worship. Sunday School at 9 a.m. Evening fellowship and youth ministries at 6 p.m. on Sundays. Prayer fellowship 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (2 hours, including recreation activities; call 824-4028 for transportation). 10:30 a.m. morning worship. 6 p.m. evening service. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Daniel Johnson. 10:30 a.m. worship. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-8860.

Our Lady of the Snows - Mass - Saturday, 5 p.m. through the end of March. Pastor: Rev. Gerald A. Levesque. 743-2606

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. There is also an adult study group during Sunday School.

West Bethel Union - a.m. worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-2844 or 836-2882. Rev. Earl H. Bell.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Clifford McMullen. 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship. 836-2828.

Episcopal House Church - Holy communion service the third or fourth Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at 38 Chapman Street. For further information, call the Reverend Gwendyth Bohr at 824-2913.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday. Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577 FMI.

Disciples of Christ Fellowship - 10:30 a.m. first four Saturdays of each month. Services held in the dining hall of the West Parish Congregational Church. Contact George Weber, 892-0779.

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ford Congregational Church & Stoneham Congregational Church - Sunday worship services 10 a.m. at North Waterford (through the winter). Sunday School, 10 a.m. Rev. George Frobig.

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Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday service 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening service 7 p.m.. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI 603-466-2851.

HARRISON

Bolster's Mills United Methodist Church - Bolster's Mills Road, Harrison, Maine. Rev. Walter R. Brown, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8:35 a.m.. Church school 10:15 a.m. for kids kindergarten - grade 12. Call 583-9024 or 998-7040 for more info.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Rev. Michael Johnson. Worship will be held at 10 a.m.

NEWRY

Newry Community Church - Sunday worship service 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor. (Services in the church will resume in April).

NORWAY/PARIS

Christian Science Society - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m.. Call 824-4099 for info or ride.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church - Route 117N, S. Paris. Pastor Tom Teichmann. Sunday morning service 9 a.m. with coffee fellowship immediately after.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singersperation third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m..

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m., Children's program, 9:40 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris. Call 583-2780 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more information.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour will follow the service. Fellowship lunch will be held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabus Episcopal Church - Mass, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Canon Henry Male, Jr. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

RUMFORD CENTER

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. Sunday School 9:00 a.m.. Sunday worship service at 10:00 a.m. Sunday prayer meeting at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday night bible study at 7:00 p.m. East Andover Rd. For more information, call 364-3856.

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Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 8:30 a.m. Pastor Michael F. Johnson.

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West Paris Baptist - Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m.. Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Adult Education and Sunday School 10:15 a.m.. Sunday evening worship with Bible reading 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday evening choir practice at 6 followed by prayer meeting and Bible study, 7 p.m. (Third Sunday of each month. Singerspiration alternating between North Paris Federated and West Paris Baptist.)

West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Rev. Ivan Hatch (interim), Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Adult Bible Fellowship 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.. Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday: Kid's hour 6:30 p.m.; Prayer meeting & bible study 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678). Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. First Day School activities provided for children. Call Arla Patch 665-2224 FMI.

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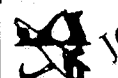
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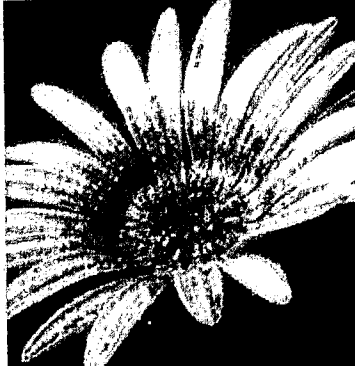


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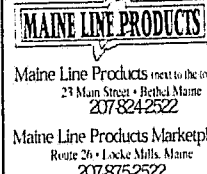
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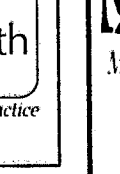
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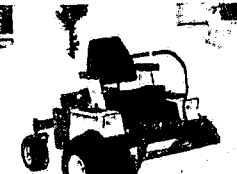
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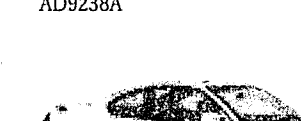
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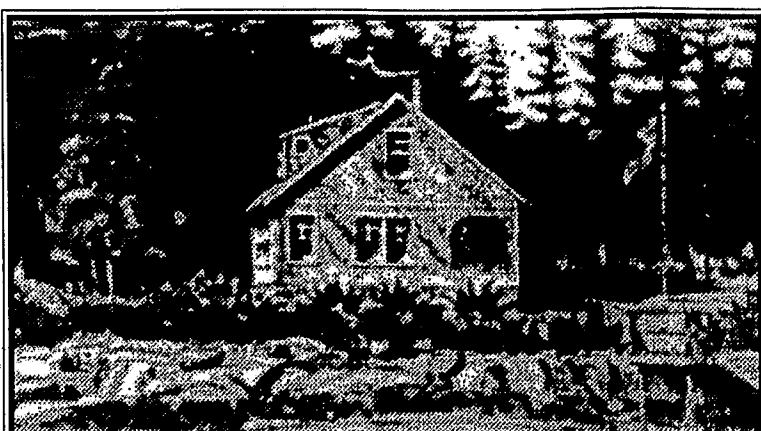
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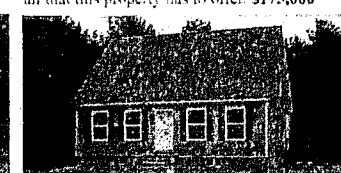
Privacy and lovely views from this quaint log cabin on 2.3 acres in Woodstock. 2 bedrooms, 1 + baths, woodstove with hearth, and a large, three season porch combine for a perfect little house. Convenient to Rt. 26, this house would serve well for vacation use or full-time living. \$139,900



Tastefully renovated 3 bedroom farmhouse with attached barn. 1 1/2 bathrooms, fantastic roomy kitchen with hearth and woodstove. Convenient Route 2 location enroute to Bethel Village. \$180,000



Rustic New England farmhouse with attached barn on 40+ beautiful acres Mountain and valley views from the kitchen dining area windows. Pleasant River frontage. This home would make a lovely family home with some renovations. The property may also be suited for commercial ventures such as a campground or an outdoor adventure site. Come walk the land and get a sense of all that this property has to offer. \$175,000



Modular cape on 4 acres in a lovely West Bethel neighborhood. Town water, private septic, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, full basement. The upstairs is unfinished and has plenty of space for another bathroom and two bedrooms. This property would make a lovely family home. \$139,900



New Land Listing - 50 sunny acres in prime Greenwood location. This large parcel is close to all area amenities. With many level areas for building and potential for Mt. Abram views, it could work for development or for a large, private domain. \$75,000

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OH Studio and one bedroom condo/Bethel
SR-12 Three bedroom condo/South Ridge, Sunday River
SR-13 Two bedroom condo South Ridge, Sunday River
CH Two bedroom condo Chamberlain Resort, Hanover

H-97 Three bedroom house/Mayville Rd. Bethel
H-97 Studio Double sleep sofa/Mayville Rd. Bethel
H-98 Two bedroom house with study Mayville Rd. Bethel
H-113 Three bedroom house Johnson Park, Bethel
H-114 Five bedroom house Timberline Dr. Sunday River

H-125 Three bedroom Chalet Mt. Abram
H-132 One bedroom and loft sleeping area Rt. 26 Grafton Notch, Newry
H-134 Three bedroom Coombs Village Sunday River
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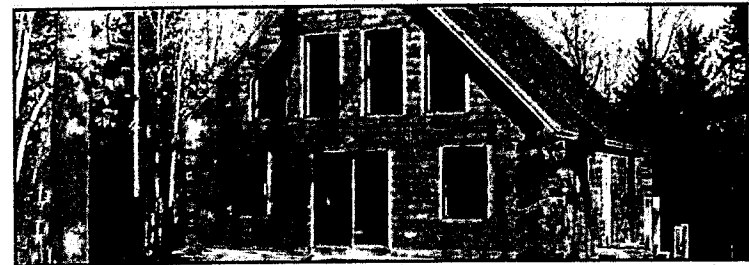
Birch St, Bryant Pond: "Grandeur on the Lake" best describes this new WATERFRONT offering. Come take a tour of the restored wooden floors, built-in china armoire, grand fireplace, 5 BR's, two garages, turret front porch & much, much more. Picture yourself sipping lemonade on the screened porch overlooking 260' of serene lake frontage! Call us on this one. \$469,000



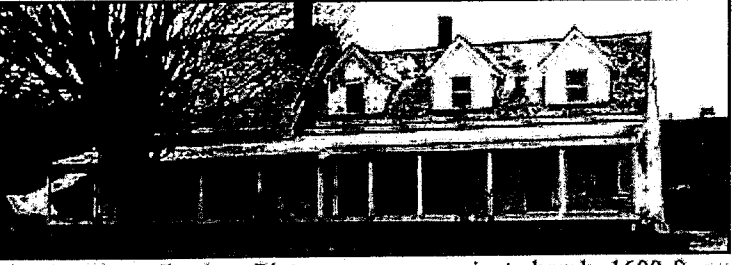
Patch Mtn Rd, Greenwood: Quiet, pristine location on the banks of the Sanborn River with Oversett Pond not too far away. Come to view this 4BR, 2 bath home with lg. garage and see how easily you can picture your family in this serene spot. \$169,900



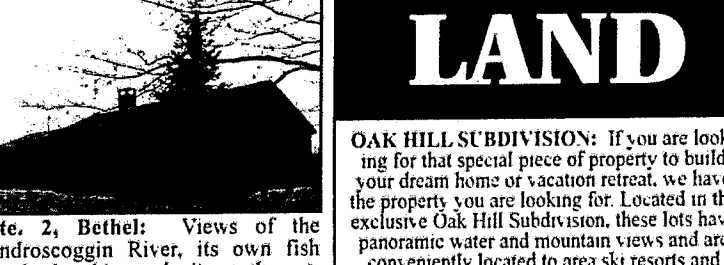
Rte 232, Rumford: Admired by all who have driven by, this mini-farm with in-ground pool can be yours! Lovely horse pasture, two stall barn and nicely renovated and updated farmhouse make this seven acre offering one-of-a-kind. Ski areas and river recreation are only a few short miles away. \$365,000



Mt. Abram Village, Greenwood: Location, Location, Location! A short stroll to Mt. Abram & just a few minutes drive to Sunday River, this brand new authentic log home has a spacious LR w/cath, ceiling, fireplace & wood floors. Drenched in sunlight from windows above, 1st floor has foyer, kit, den, dining area, 2BR's & full bath. Master BR & bath on 2nd floor and walk-out basement has 600sq ft. of future expansion. \$212,900



Sandy River, Starks: Picture your own private beach, 1600 ft. on the Sandy River and a beautifully remodeled 5BR, 3 Bath farmhouse. New dormers, new clapboards & paint, new roof shingles, all new wiring, new plumbing, new furnace, new 72 ft. farmer's porch and much, much more! All this on 49 acres with large well-maintained barn, silo, detached garage and pond. Only \$349,000



Rte. 2, Bethel: Views of the Androscoggin River, its own fish pond, plus this ranch sits on the outskirts of Bethel on the main route to Sunday River! With lots of natural wood paneling and cabinetry, 3BR's, bath with Jacuzzi & double-sided fireplace, it's the perfect ski house or summer river activities retreat. \$169,900



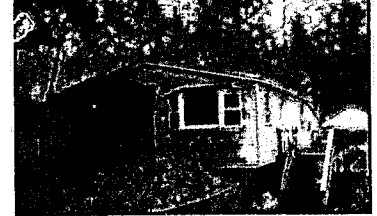
Heikinen Road, Woodstock: Charm abounds in this mid-nineteenth century colonial that retains much of its original style with a newer addition. Antique wood floors, ceilings and clawfoot tub transport to another era. You must ask for a showing to see everything this house has to offer. REDUCED! \$123,900



Mt. Abram Skiway, Greenwood: Two-family chalet has seasonal slope views of Mt. Abram within a short walk to the slopes. Besides a kitchen, bedroom and 1/2 bath, the ground level has a spacious LR/DR combo complete with hearth and woodstove. Main unit also has that PLUS an additional 2 bedrooms on the upper floor, for a total of 4 bedrooms in the house. Occupy one unit and rent the other! \$124,000



Rte. 2, Rumford Point: With a large eat-in kitchen, living room, 1/2 bath & laundry on the first floor, and 2 BR's & full bath on the 2nd floor, this house is a bargain for its price! Add a yard full of lilacs and a newer 8x12 shed, and you can't go wrong for only \$59,900



Baker Rd, Albany: Live in the Songo Pond community & enjoy being only yards from the lake, with taxes under \$300!! 3BR's, 1 1/2 baths, skylights, deck & only minutes from Bethel and Sunday River. This ranch is a very attractive offering at only \$89,900



Perkins Valley Rd, Woodstock: Three buildings triple the possibilities for this property convenient to both the Woodstock Bethel & Norway Paris areas. Nicely renovated main house boasts 5BR's plus attached 1BR apt, the newer 10 unit self-storage bldg. has excellent rental history and the separate mobile home produces add'l rental income. Let others pay the mortgage! \$125,000



Prospect Ave, Rumford: If you have always wanted to be your own boss than this may be for you; ice cream/sandwich shop, has inside seating for ten people, sits on a major route and has been a profitable business for years! Sell ice cream in the summer and head homeplace warm in the winter! Price includes all the inventory and equipment. \$125,000



Birch Rd, Mt. Abram: Nestled in the pines in the heart of ski country is this 3BR, 2 bath vacation or year-round chalet. Big sliding glass doors that lead to a deck, large brick hearth and best of all, within walking distance to the slopes of Mt. Abram! Call today, ski season is almost here!! \$129,000



Johnson Park, Bethel: You will NOT be disappointed when you view this large, wonderful never home with its farmers porch and breathtaking mountain views. This 3 BR two-story beauty has a 3 bay garage with space for an in-law apt or huge studio/game room. Lots of space and a great location convenient to both Mt. Abram and Sunday River. Call today. \$239,000



Bethel: With TLC and an adventurous spirit, someone could realize this house's true potential. Very conveniently located en route to ski areas and river and lake recreation. Comfortably priced and recently reduced to \$52,500



Main St., Greenwood: Frontage on Alder River! Known as the Houghton House in the town's history books, this period Greek revival cape needs restoration to bring back its former glory. Tin ceilings, hardwood floors, 4+ bedrooms, encl. porch & hot tub room overlooking the river & boat dock make it worth a look at only \$79,900

LAND

OAK HILL SUBDIVISION: If you are looking for that special piece of property to build your dream home or vacation retreat, we have the property you are looking for. Located in the exclusive Oak Hill Subdivision, these lots have panoramic water and mountain views and are conveniently located to area ski resorts and ponds. Attractive owner financing \$29,900 - \$39,900

GRAND VIEW ESTATES, BETHEL: Serenity, mountain views and spectacular sunsets await you at Grand View Estates. This newly designed subdivision, off the Intervale Road, minutes from the town of Bethel, is just waiting for you to build your ski vacation or year round home. Boasting views of Sunday River Ski Resort, the lots range in size from 1.1 acres to 1.9 acres. Don't wait to pick out a prime lot for your home. Call today for a viewing. Prices start at \$23,400

RTE. 26, WOODSTOCK: Fourteen acres with convenient Rte. 26 location not too far from North Pond. It has 380 feet of road frontage, yet goes back into secluded acreage for that perfect spot to build your home. It's the best of both! \$39,900

RTE. 26, MERRIFIELD HILL, WOODSTOCK: Close to the town of Bryant Pond and close to the main route to Sunday River Resort (Rte. 26), this superb large tract of developable land has magnificent mountain views. Large parcels of good quality land such as these beautiful 116 acres are not easily found in this location! Come walk the lines to see the possibilities. \$219,000

LOT 7 WESTSIDE, MT. ABRAM SKIWAY: Directly across from Mt. Abram Skiway's Westside Lodge, this wooded one acre building lot is prime property for either your new year-round home or ski chalet. Ski in & out or enjoy the spectacular slope views all four seasons! \$27,000

RTE. 26, SOUTH PARIS: Only a little over one mile from Market Square in So. Paris, 6 miles from Trap Corner in West Paris, and 17 miles from Greenwood, this 20+- acre parcel of land is mostly sand and gravel pit. Property boasts 400+- on Rte. 26 and long river frontage, estimated at \$50+ - Worth a good look at \$110,000

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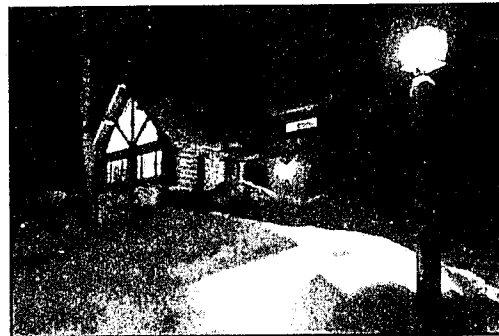
NEWLY BUILT BETHEL HOME
Newly built home located in Bethel village within walking distance of town amenities. Three levels - 4 bedrooms, 2 baths plus spacious family room. \$253,000



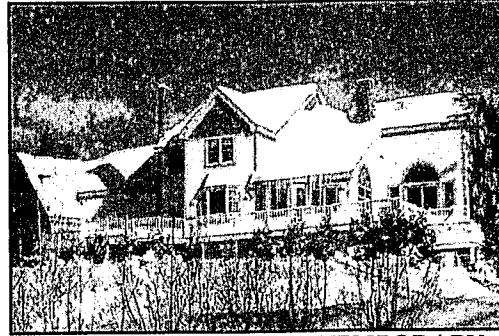
NEW HOME AT THE BASE OF SUNDAY RIVER
New 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath home is located at the base of Sunday River Ski Resort and across the street from the Sunday River Inn & Cross Country Center in Red House Farm Village, a unique condominium community. This perfect gathering spot for family and friends has an open floor plan, fireplace, great room with cathedral ceiling and a spacious kitchen. An un-interrupted view of White Heat rounds out this special vacation or primary home. Amenities include cross country and snowshoe trails located in the Farm Loop, a small pond, and trolley service to Sunday River. \$329,000



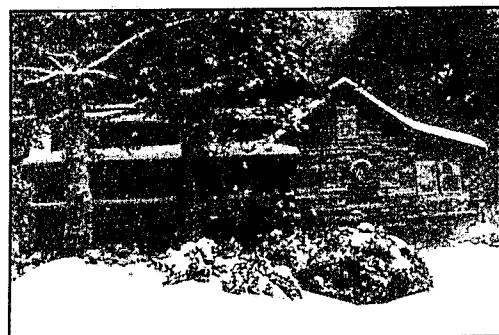
STUNNING SUNDAY RIVER HOME
Beautifully maintained 5 bedroom, 3 bath home at Sunday River Ski Resort. Lockout with rental potential. Jacuzzi, Fireplace and wired for generator. \$699,000



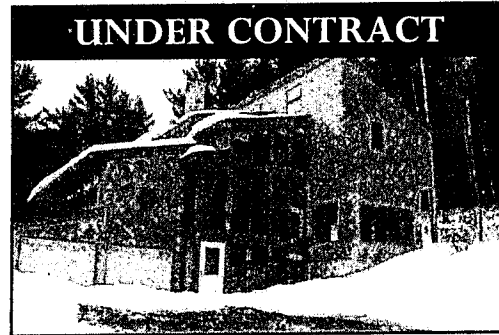
AMAZING LOG HOME AT POWDER RIDGE
This 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with beautiful views of the Mahoosuc mountain range features unsurpassed British Columbian log construction. Warm and inviting open floor plan includes many special features including Fieldstone fireplace, granite counter tops and expansive windows. A 2-car garage, full basement and a state-of-the-art heating system round out this exceptional home. \$499,000



CUSTOM, BRIGHT CONTEMPORARY
Custom, bright contemporary home with expansive Sunday River and Mahoosuc mountain views. Beautiful double sided fireplace, 6 bedrooms, lock out apartment. Tastefully landscaped. A real find! \$849,000



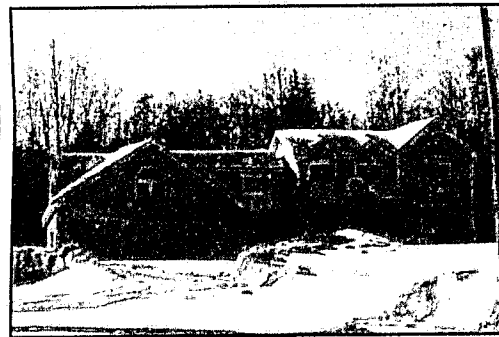
CHARMING LOG HOME
Charming log home with large stone fireplace, beautiful mountain views, amazing stone walls and well established perennial gardens. Detached oversized 3 bay 6-car garage, heated with running water. Daylight, walkout basement. Pond - partially set up for hydro electric power. \$359,000



WELL-DESIGNED CONTEMPORARY
Privately situated on 13± acres, this home has a great layout featuring 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, a beautiful stone fireplace, hardwood flooring, large living / dining room, family room and study. Features both an attached and detached 2-car garage. \$179,900



SUN FILLED CAPE - RUMFORD CENTER
Sun filled Cape in wonderful condition on a nice 2± acre lot. Three bedrooms, two full baths, 2-car garage, enclosed breezeway. Fireplace. Attractively priced. \$159,000



CONVENIENT CONTEMPORARY HOME
Located close to the Village of Bethel, yet on a nice secluded lot on Paradise Road, this spacious five bedroom home has an efficiency apartment and many fine details. Formal dining room, living room with fireplace, sun room overlooking an above ground pool. Three-car oversized garage. Farm pond. Nicely landscaped yard. \$399,000



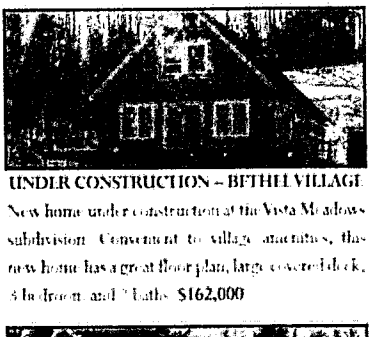
PROMINENT HOME ON PARADISE HILL
Situated on over 2 acres with stunning western Maine mountain views. This hard to come by village home offers 5 oversized bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, custom black walnut kitchen cabinets, fireplace, hardwood floors and a screened-in porch. \$429,000



SUNSET FARM - A Bethel Landmark
Prominent Bethel landmark, built in 1826, has been loving restored and enhanced with two modern additions. Situated on 18± scenic acres with a farm pond, Androscoggin River frontage and unsurpassed views. A well designed floor plan featuring 6 fireplaces, 6+ bedrooms, offices, formal dining and living rooms, den, family room. Two car garage, 10 stall barn.



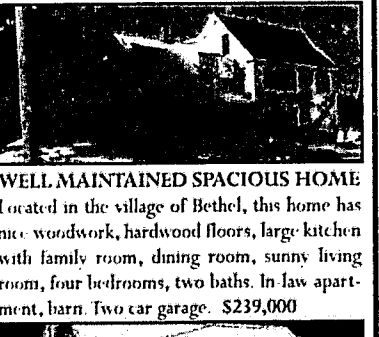
SKI CHALET - SUNDAY RIVER VIEWS
This chalet is the perfect weekend get away. Home is built on a quiet road with a beautiful view of the Sunday River Ski Resort. Features include a full kitchen, living room, dining room, and a large deck overlooking the resort. \$159,900



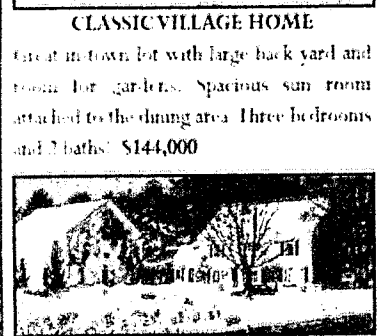
UNDER CONSTRUCTION - BETHEL VILLAGE
New home under construction in the Vista Meadows subdivision. Convenient to village amenities, this new home has a great floor plan, large covered deck, 4 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths. \$162,000



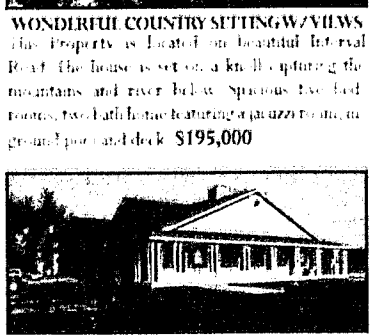
ATTRACTIVE CUSTOM BUILT HOME
This appealing log home features an open floor plan, large living room, dining room, and a large deck overlooking the resort. \$239,000



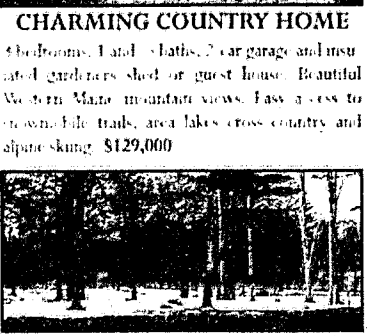
WELL MAINTAINED SPACIOUS HOME
Located in the village of Bethel, this home has nice woodwork, hardwood floors, large kitchen with family room, dining room, sunny living room, four bedrooms, two baths. In-law apartment, barn. Two car garage. \$239,000



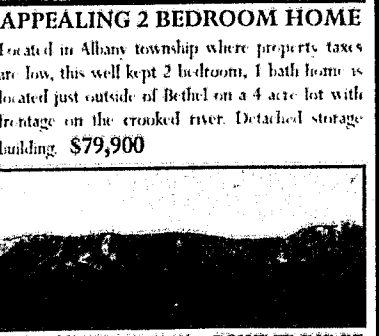
CLASSIC VILLAGE HOME
One of a kind, lot with large back yard and room for gardens. Spacious sun room attached to the dining area. Three bedrooms and 2 baths. \$144,000



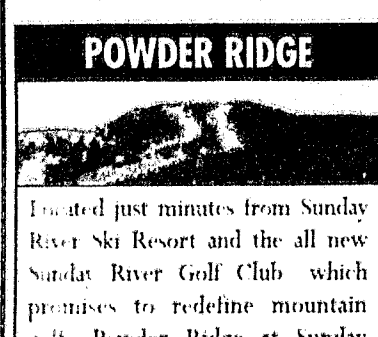
WONDERFUL COUNTRY SETTING WITH VIEWS
The property is located on a beautiful lot near the village. The house is set on a hill overlooking the mountains and river. Features include a large living room, dining room, and a large deck overlooking the resort. \$195,000



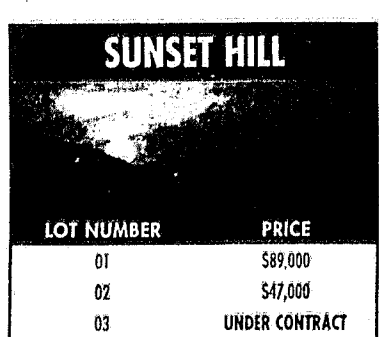
CHARMING COUNTRY HOME
4 bedrooms, 1 bath, 2 car garage and new kitchen. Located on a quiet road. Features include a large living room, dining room, and a large deck overlooking the resort. \$129,000



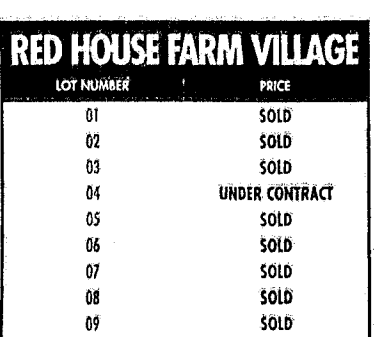
APPEALING 2 BEDROOM HOME
Located in Albion township where property taxes are low, this well kept 2 bedroom, 1 bath home is located just outside of Bethel on a 4 acre lot with frontage on the crooked river. Detailed storage building. \$79,900



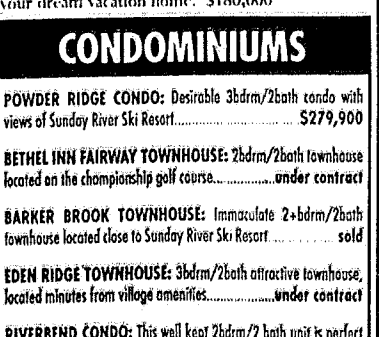
BRIAR LEA - INN & RESTAURANT
This property is located on a beautiful lot near the village. The house is set on a hill overlooking the mountains and river. Features include a large living room, dining room, and a large deck overlooking the resort. \$400,000



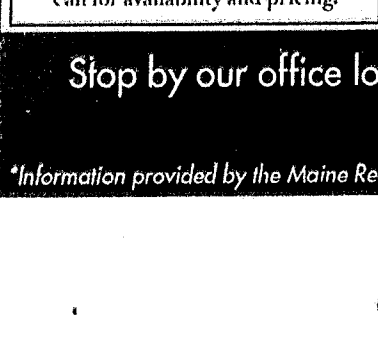
PARKWAY PROFESSIONAL BUILDING
Newly built commercial office condominium located on the Parkway. Excellent visibility. Create your own interior layout - state of the art cable hookups, central air, ample paved parking, handicap accessibility. \$137,900



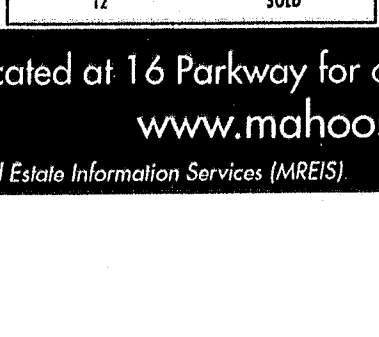
LOT EN-ROUTE TO SUNDAY RIVER
10.3± acres located en-route to Sunday River Ski Resort in an area of other commercial properties. Two curb cuts, beautiful pine setting. Town water. \$149,000



SUNDAY RIVER VIEW - POWDER RIDGE
Premier view lot located at desirable & well established Powder Ridge Subdivision. Located just minutes from Sunday River Ski Resort. Unsurpassed views of the slopes can be enjoyed from this nicely elevated easily accessible lot. An incredible spot for your dream vacation home. \$180,000

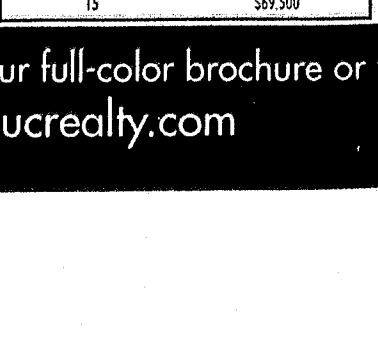


POWDER RIDGE
Located just minutes from Sunday River Ski Resort and the all new Sunday River Golf Club which promises to redefine mountain golf. Powder Ridge at Sunday River is the premier spot for your future vacation home or primary residence in the mountains. Call for availability and pricing.



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LOT NUMBER	PRICE
01	\$89,000
02	\$47,000
03	UNDER CONTRACT
04	SOLD
05	\$65,000
10	\$53,000
11	\$69,000
12	SOLD



RED HOUSE FARM VILLAGE

LOT NUMBER	PRICE
01	SOLD
02	SOLD
03	SOLD
04	UNDER CONTRACT
05	SOLD
06	SOLD
07	SOLD
08	SOLD
09	SOLD
10	\$88,900
11	\$85,900
12	\$86,500
13	UNDER CONTRACT
14	\$65,900
15	\$89,500



CONDOMINIUMS

POWDER RIDGE CONDO: Desirable 3bdrm/2bath condo with views of Sunday River Ski Resort. \$279,900

BETHEL INN FAIRWAY TOWNHOUSE: 2bdrm/2bath townhouse located on the championship golf course. Under contract

BARKER BROOK TOWNHOUSE: Immaculate 2-bdrm/2bath townhouse located close to Sunday River Ski Resort. Sold

EDEN RIDGE TOWNHOUSE: 3bdrm/2bath attractive townhouse, located minutes from village amenities. Under contract

RIVERBEND CONDO: This well kept 2bdrm/2 bath unit is perfect for a weekend retreat. \$112,000

CASCADES STUDIO: Shop/deli and unit condos with easy trail access. Sold

CASCADES STUDIO: Studio/slopeside condo with trail access to both Barker Mountain and South Ridge. Sold

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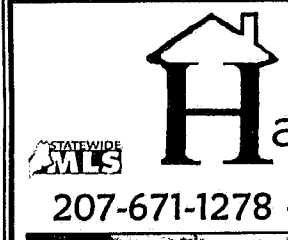


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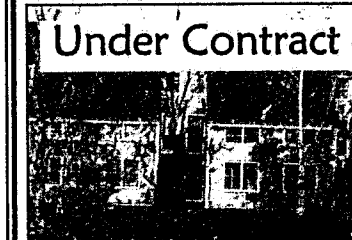
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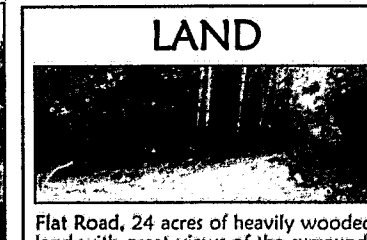
Newbury, Sunday River Village. Four bedroom, three bath home with tile floors, kit. with all stainless Jenn-air app. and Corian counters. Basement is full lock-out apartment with 3 br, 3/4 bath, kit, laundry and living rm. \$290,000



Views, Views, Views. Upton, year-round, one bedroom home w/loft, kitchen, 3/4 bath, living room dining area, and deck with spectacular views in almost every direction you look. This house is situated on 18+ acres of land that lends itself to many uses. A great opp. at \$159,000.



Under Contract
Enjoy the year round benefits of living in this one bedroom, post and beam unit located only minutes from Sunday River Skiing and the new golf course. Unit is fully furnished for immediate occupancy. Priced to sell at \$64,900



LAND
Flat Road, 24 acres of heavily wooded land with great views of the surrounding Mts. Priced to sell at \$49,900
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THINK SNOW! Great 4 bdm ski home. Hop on lift w/out starting your car. Close to all swimming activities as well as mountain biking and skiing. Tons of rental potential. **Offered at \$179,900**

Farmers Hill Road \$95,000: Wonderful 17 acres of pine available with road frontage on Farmers Hill as well as frontage on Coburn Brook. Great rural yet private site for residential development that would afford easy access to Andover/Rumford area.

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Sunday River Village, Newry: A spectacular 1997 Contemporary yr rnd home w/coveted proximity to ski trails is now available for sale in Sunday River Village! Exceptional quality, detail & upkeep is exemplified throughout this 1st-level open concept, flr plan. A handsome stone top of the hill fitting focal point of it's stunning GR displaying the highest of ceilings offset w/massive windows, crowned w/circle top glass. Hard pine flring spans the Living & Dining Area leading to a well designed Kit. An array of windows and glass sliders connect w/a sunny deck & farm porch allow the scenic Sunday River Mtn & trail backdrop to be enjoyed from within. 3 BRs, 2 1/2 Baths, countless amenities. By Appointment Only. \$699,000

New Listing - Sunday River Village Slopeside Home: Are You In The Market For A Four Season Vacation Home? Then how about an elegant 5 Bedroom ski chalet situated in the most sought after of slope side communities? Featuring a beautiful Great Room basking in warm southern exposure, the configuration of living easily accommodates large groups for fun no matter what the season. High, open ceiling, massive brick fireplace and hearth, impressive Kitchen with spacious island for seating, all-important entry room for sports gear. What More Could One Ask For In A Ski-Home? \$539,000

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PRICE REDUCED - Goss Pond, Bethel: A lovely 1 1/2 story 1994 chalet on the edge of Goss Pond w/ an impressive 200' of waterfront. A sandy beach. Situated on a private 10 acre wooded lot. A 1 1/2 car garage. A full kitchen. A full bathroom. A full living room. A full dining room. A full bedroom. A full basement. A full finished attic. A full finished porch. A full finished deck. A full finished yard. A full finished everything. Don't Miss Out! \$229,900!

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Lake Christopher \$439,900	Bethel \$139,000	Lowell Brook \$179,000	Route 26, Woodstock \$169,000	East "B" Hill Rd. \$199,000
Sunday River Road \$49,900	Puzzle Mountain \$895,000	Grafton \$39,900	Hillside Pines From \$19,900	Sunday River Road \$139,900

CALL FOR OUR MASTER LISTS OF THE AREAS MOST EXTENSIVE SELECTION OF PROPERTIES

Beautiful 3 BR, Sleep 8 Capacity unit loc at the Jordan Grand Hotel, now available for Qtr Share Ownership! Great Ski-In/Ski-Out to w/ views. Hot tub and full kitchen. Pool, Jacuzzi, Sauna, Health Club, Valet Parking, & more! Ownership Privileges incl space available for any of American Skiing Company's Grand Resort Hotels. Not membership avail.

Sunday River Estates #11: Situated only one mile or so to SR Ski Resort & within walking distance to neighboring restaurants & ski shops, find this beautiful townhouse. A corner unit w/ 3 spacious BRs inclusive of a master suite w/ walk-in closet, 1 full bath, open concept living area w/ newer carpeting & ceramic flooring, oak cabinets. Offered in pristine condition at \$149,900

Full Line N108 at Sunday River Ski Resort: Sleep 6 capacity 1 bedroom unit at coveted Full Line condominium complex. Offering use of indoor heated pool, saunas, hot tub, 2 rec rooms and fantastic trails access for all levels of skiers. The only unit we currently have listed, won't last at \$69,900!

New Listing - North Peak II-111: A Very Rare Find - This ski-in, ski-out slope side condominium at Sunday River Ski Resort won't be available for long. 2 Bedrooms, Great Room, fully furnished. EXCELLENT ACCESS to South Ridge Base Lodge and the Peak Area. \$119,000

New Listing - Bethel Inn Fairway Townhouse #558-559: A Rare Find... This 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath Corner Unit is in Immaculate, Move In Condition boasting new carpeting, attractive furnishings, additional end windows & convenient lock-out feature. Beautiful westerly sunsets, mt. vistas & good rental history. An Exceptional Value at \$184,900

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Obituaries

KEVIN J. McCARRON

Kevin J. McCarron, 48, of Ipswich, Mass., died on Dec. 22, 2003. He was the husband of Suzanne (Royer) McCarron; father of Sarah Elizabeth (10) and Daniel Paul (8), both of Ipswich. He was the son of Grace (Coop) McCarron and the late Daniel P. McCarron; brother of David P. McCarron of Bloomfield Hills, Md., William T. McCarron of Baltimore, Md., Donald P. McCarron of Charlestown, Mass., Paula Trebino and her husband Stephen of Carlisle, and Katherine C. Vessey and husband Russell of Shirley; uncle of Brianna Vessey, Jennifer, Stephanie, and Andrew Trebino and Christopher McCarron.

Funeral services were held at Christ Church, Hamilton, Mass., on Monday, Dec. 29. Burial was at Ipswich Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Sarah and Daniel McCarron College Fund, c/o Ipswich Savings Bank, Ipswich, MA 01938.

DAVID J. STEVENS

David J. Stevens, 67, of 779 Middletown Avenue, North Haven, Conn., died Monday, Dec. 29, 2003 at the CT Hospice. He was the husband of

Janine Othot Stevens.

He was born in Bethel, Aug. 7, 1936, the son of Bertha Herick Stevens of Bethel and the late Clyde A. Stevens. He had worked in home improvements for many years until his retirement. He enjoyed caring for his grandchildren, raising monarch butterflies and was an avid photographer.

Survivors include his children, Mark (Tina) Stevens of North Haven, and Susan Stevens of Niantic, Conn.; two grandchildren, Christopher and Kara Stevens; five sisters, Charlotte and husband Albion Rowe of Raymond, Beatrice Hicks of Gardiner, Christine and husband Roy Ulrickson of Norway, Florence Walker of Bryant Pond, Cheryl Young of Bethel; and a brother, Paul Stevens of Rumford.

A memorial gathering was held at the North Haven Funeral Home, North Haven, Conn., on Friday evening, Jan. 2. Interment will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

LOIS P. O'LEARY

Lois P. O'Leary, 69, a resident of Mexico Avenue, Mexico, died Thursday morning, Jan. 1, 2004 at Rumford Community

Hospital following a long illness.

She was born in Pembroke, Mass., July 16, 1934, the daughter of Russell and Charlotte Douglas Parkman and was educated in the schools of Andover, Mass. On Jan. 13, 1967, she married Gerald L. O'Leary in Dixfield. He died July 29, 1995.

Mrs. O'Leary was employed as a painter for several years at the Hale Mill in Mexico. She later worked at the Rumford Community Hospital as a nurse's aid and then as a kitchen assistant.

She was a member of St. Athanasius St. John Parish and enjoyed the interest of gardening and camping. Her most important interest was her family members whom she spent as much time with whenever possible including locally several nieces and nephews as well as great-nieces and nephews.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Sylvanus (Harriet) Glover of East Andover and Mrs. Earl (Jean) Miner of Plant City, Fla.; two brothers, John Parkman and his wife Fran of North Carolina, and David R. Parkman and his wife Cheryl of Montana; and several nieces, nephews as well as great-nieces and nephews.

There will be no services. Spring interment will be at St. John's Cemetery, Rumford. Donations preferred to Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, Rumford Abbott Farm Plaza, Rumford, ME 04276.

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ADELIA A. WATERHOUSE

Adelia Abbie (Cummings) Waterhouse, 98, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004 at the Casco Inn Residential Care Facility, Raymond, after a long period of declining health.

She was born in Albany on Dec. 3, 1905, the daughter of George W. and Cora E. (Cummings) Cummings. She was a descendant of Isaac Cummings who was born in Eastthorpe, England in 1601. Her ancestors settled in Maine when still a province of Massachusetts in 1766.

She graduated from Gould Academy, Class of 1923, and received her teaching certificate from Farmington Normal School. She taught primarily in one-room schoolhouses, grades 1 thru 8. During the early years of World War II she was employed in defense work in Hartford, Conn., later at Brown Thompson's and Bloomfield House.

She had been a member of the Bethel Senior Citizens, the Albany Church and was an honorary member of the Bethel Historical Society.

On Oct. 1, 1927, she married Clarence H. Waterhouse, who predeceased her on Aug. 14, 1987 after 59 years of marriage. She was also predeceased by two grandsons, Mark Waterhouse and Brian R. Sandell.

She is survived by her daughter, Doris M. Sandell of Raymond; her sons, Donald E. Waterhouse of New Hampshire and Richard A. Waterhouse of Wells; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at Hunt's Corner Cemetery, Albany Township, in the spring.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Barbara Hathaway would like to thank the many people who supported our family and mother during her illness. Special thanks to Jim and Rosemary McLean, Alice McInnis, all of Barbara's "angels", Dr. Ware and Althea at OHIM for their care and concern, Ann and Deborah and everyone from Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, and Cliff and Andrews Funeral Home. Many thanks to those who provided food after the service: the Locke Mills Union Church, Jefferson Chapter #89 OES Birthday Club, and the Woodstock Elementary School staff. We appreciate all the prayers, visits, phone calls, cards and comforting words from many of you. All of these gestures of sympathy and kindness have meant a great deal to us.

Michael and Penny Hathaway
Susan and Bruce Glines
Linda and Brian Stowell

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank our many wonderful friends for all the calls and cards received during this very difficult time. Pastor Jeff Gross and the United Methodist Women were very helpful in our time of need. Thank you to the people who made donations in Mother's memory. We are very proud of our sons, daughter, and daughter in laws for their love and support during Mother's extended illness. We will miss our mother, Gwendolyn Currier, also known as Grammie Currier, very much, yet we know she is now at peace. We truly were blessed to have had such a great mother and to live among such thoughtful, caring people.

Judy & Brad Barker

Births

Jason and Sarah Berry of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Jordan Genevieve, born on Sept. 27, 2003 at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center.

Maternal grandparents are Donna Morocco and Buck and Judy Buxton of Farmington, Conn.

Paternal grandparents are Retta Berry and Ed Powers of Newry and Scott and Rocky Berry of Bryant Pond.

Great-grandparents are John and Nancy Wight of Newry, Hi and Mary Lou Berry of Newry and the late Helen Berry of Newry.

Nat Reade and Michaela O'Brien of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Charles Clement Dornthe Reade, born on Dec. 29, 2003 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Robert and Mary O'Brien of Pittsfield, Mass.

Paternal grandparents are Suzanne Pearson of Ipswich, England and the late Kemp Reade.

Charley joins a brother, Henry, age 3 1/2.

Dana and Theresa White-Rainey of South Paris are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Winter Moon, born on Dec. 31, 2003 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Tilda Rainey of Bryant Pond and Mark Huston of Greenwood.

Paternal grandparents are Cheryl Lackee of South Paris and Danny White of West Paris.

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